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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

DEMOCRATS ARE LINED UP SOLIDLY AGAINST CRUM

TILLMAN TRYING TO EMBARASS TAFT

By Forcing Race Issue to the Front—Auditor Tyler Did Not Oppose Hitchcock—Judge Terrell Not to be Displaced.

Special by Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 10.—The Democrats, under the leadership of Senator Tillman, are making a desperate fight against the confirmation of Dr. W. D. Crum, who has been renominated by President Roosevelt as collector of customs for the port of Charleston, S. C. No complaint is being made touching the competency of Mr. Crum. His official record is admitted to be without a flaw, but he is a Negro and no Negro is wanted in such a responsible and dignified position in a Southern city by the so-called "dominant race." Judging from the florid and sensational arguments put up in the Senate's executive sessions last week, the confirmation of Dr. Crum for a single office will administer a death-blow to the supremacy of the Caucasian people. Three sessions, lasting from two to four hours each, have been held. Senator William P. Frye of Maine has been leading the struggle in Crum's favor, with Tillman and Bacon as the barn-stormers of the opposition. A filibuster is imminent, and as time is precious, the Republicans are uneasy over the prospect of important business matters being neglected while the Democrats are putting forth ancient platitudes on the omnipresent "Negro problem." The object of the Democrats is, of course, to stave off a settlement until after the 4th of March, in order to force President Taft on record as to his attitude on the appointment of colored men in the South. If the Tillmanites can embarrass Mr. Taft by crowding him into a corner on race questions early in his administration, they feel that they can undo all that he has accomplished toward establishing an "era of good feeling" between the North and the 'New South.'" The salvation of the bourbon Democracy lies in keeping the bugbears of "social equality" and "Negro domination" before the Southern people, and the Crum issue is a part of a definite program looking to this end. The outcome is still problematical, but Senator Frye, in no wise discouraged, is confident that when the critical test is applied, the "old-line" Republicans will have the manhood to tell Tillman and his reactionaries to "go to the marines" and close the incident by confirming Dr. Crum, just as they would any other member of their party who had rendered faithful service and whom the President felt was deserving of a second term. Will the Republican party stand to its guns or will it allow the Tillmanic hordes to throw it off its feet by a fictitious appeal to the lowest passion in the human breast—race prejudice?

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The Democrats, in the kindness of their hearts, are holding out a sop to the administration, making the suggestion that the tension at Charleston could be relieved by the transfer of Dr. Crum to the recordership of deeds for the District of Columbia, to succeed Mr. Dancy. As Mr. Dancy has made a fine record both as an official and as a strong supporter of the administration, this compromise is not apt to find favor with either President Roosevelt or President-elect Taft. The Negroes do not like it because such a deal would mean the loss of one valuable position to the race, and more recognition is wanted, rather than less. The feeling is that the Republicans might as well thresh the problem out now as to postpone it until later, for it is being borne in mind that the bulk of the Negro appointees in the South are now serving their second and third terms, and should the party succeed in evading the issue at this time, it is bound to return to plague them later when Georgia, Florida and Louisiana are to be passed upon. The colored leaders are watching the situation with no small degree of interest—if not anxiety.

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Auditor Ralph W. Tyler is confounding his enemies as rapidly as they poke up their heads. Silently, shrewdly and fearlessly he looks over his ground, and when the psychological moment arrives he places a "hot one" right over the solar plexus of his opponent, and, in the language of the street, "there ain't no more to it." The Washington *Herald* is letting him severely alone since he put that "paper of quality" out of business last week, when it attempted to show up his office as derelict in handling the accounts of the Navy. In truth, the *Herald's* strictures gave Mr. Tyler a fine chance to advertise the excellence of his administration, as compared with that of his predecessors—and he did not fail to use the advantage for all it was worth. That incident is satisfactorily closed. Now comes a "special" from the Washington correspondent of the Cleveland *Plaindealer*, hinting that Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock is "after" Mr. Tyler because the latter worked under the direction of Arthur I. Vorys during the pre-convention period last spring. As Mr. Vorys was in charge of Mr. Taft's campaign at the time Mr. Tyler labored, it is not strange and nothing to his discredit that he worked in harmony with and under certain instructions from the capable Ohio manager. Mr. Tyler has at no stage of the game antagonized Mr. Hitchcock and their relations have never been other than cordial. The attempt to make the public believe that the national chairman has an ax out for the Auditor for the Navy Department scarcely merits the notice we are giving it. Attention is called to it merely to emphasize its absurdity. No Negro in the country is more highly regarded by the President-elect than Mr. Tyler, and no officer under the Government is more secure in his position than this hard-working and sagacious race leader. Mr. Couch of the *Plaindealer* had better go back to bed.

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The bill providing for five justices of the peace for the District has passed both Houses of Congress and will become a law. The measure thus reduces the number from six to five and establishes a municipal court in a single building, the docket being divided equally among the justices. The salary will be $2,500, with no expenses to be deducted. The District now has one of the justices—Robert H. Terrell, one of the ablest lawyers and most level-headed jurists in the country—and he will be retained under the new arrangement. Judge Terrell has won the confidence and respect of the legal fraternity here, and no reduction in the number of courts is likely at any time to endanger his tenure of office. He is active in the social, fraternal, religious, educational and business life of the community, and enjoys a personal popularity second to none.

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The sub-committee on public comfort, for the care of colored visitors to the city during the inaugural period, has been organized on a comprehensive scale and is now in fine working order. The main committee here embraces fifty substantial citizens, headed by Daniel Murray, and in every place where there is a goodly number of colored people a local chairman has been named, with power to appoint his associates. With the local committee providing suitable accommodations, guides, bureaus of information of every description, the outside committees will send in the names of persons who expect to be here and give the nature of the accommodations they desire. In this way both ends will be able to work together systematically and there will be no hitch at the last moment. The Washington sub-committee on public comfort is made up as follows: J. Frank Blagburn, Dr. I. A. Boyd, Major Arthur Brooks, Eugene Brooks, Rev. Thomas J. Brown, J. C. Burlis, Dr. G. W. Cabaniss, T. H. R. Clarke, W. H. Clifford, J. W. Cromwell, C. J. Pickett, Dr. M. O. Dumas, Dr. W. Bruce Evans, W. T. Ferguson, Daniel Freeman, L. C. Gregory, J. T. Howe, J. H. Hudnell, Joseph E. Johnson, W. L. Houston, W. A. Joiner, Thomas L. ones, J. A. Lankford, Prof. Jesse Lawson, Dr. W. C. ones, F. D. Lee, J. Henry Lewis, J. W. Lyons, R. N. Mattingly, Rev. Sheldon Miller, Rev. O. L. Mitchell, J. L. Neill, Robert A. Pelham, R. L. Pendleton, Oliver Randolph, A. W. Scott, Dr. W. E. Scott, W. J. Singleton, H. P. Slaughter, R. W. Thompson, R. E. S. Toomey, Rev. W. V. Tunnell, Dr. J. T. Walker, Benjamin Washington, Frank Wells, Dr. C. D. Williams and David Warner. Samuel E. Lacy, an experienced hand at work involving large and intricate problems, is in charge of the headquarters at 608 F street N. W., and any information the people of the country may desire will be cheerfully furnished by him upon application. The auxiliary chairmen, numbering fully 1,500, are being notified by circular this week, and evidences of their activities will be apparent within the fewest of days. The attendance promises to be the largest ever known.

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Major Arthur Brooks, for many years connected with the office of the Secretary of War, is the recipient of numerous congratulations this week. It is given out that he is to go to the White House after March 4 as the confidential representative of President Taft, at a salary far in advance of that which he is now receiving. The promotion is the reward of merit. Major Brooks is a faithful worker in whatever he undertakes and is absolutely reliable in all business transactions requiring tact, discretion and executive ability. He has been closely identified with Secretary Taft for several years, and accompanied him to the Philippines on one of the latter's journeys. He has been found indispensable, and President Taft pays him a fitting compliment by inviting him to remain with him during his tenure at the White House. Major Brooks does not prate on the race problem, but is solving it in the most rapid and practical way—by being faithful to every trust reposed in him and doing his full duty wherever he is placed.

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The Philippine Constabulary Band is now on the seas en route from Manila. This magnificent musical organization is to stop off at Honolulu and give a concert, and another when it reaches San Francisco. It will then hurry across the continent to Washington to assist in honoring the man who has given the Filipinos their best start toward an improved civilization and genuine liberty. The band is to give a grand concert in the Pension Building on the morning of March 5 and the afternoon of March 6. The "national smoker" planned by the Mu-So-Lit Club has been changed from March 6 to the evening of March 4, to follow the fireworks on the White House ellipse early in the evening. As previously announced, the Monacans will hold a reception at the Auditorium, Eighth street S. W., March 3, and the Inaugural Welcome Club will entertain at Convention Hall on the evening of the 5th. On the 6th, at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, a testimonial will be tendered in honor of Senator Foraker, and a massive silver loving cup will be presented on behalf of the grateful colored people of the country. A committee of one hundred is in charfe of the arrangements for the latter event. J. W. Cromwell is chairman, Daniel Murray is treasurer and Samuel E. Lacy is clerk. It is thought the cup will cost not less than $200.

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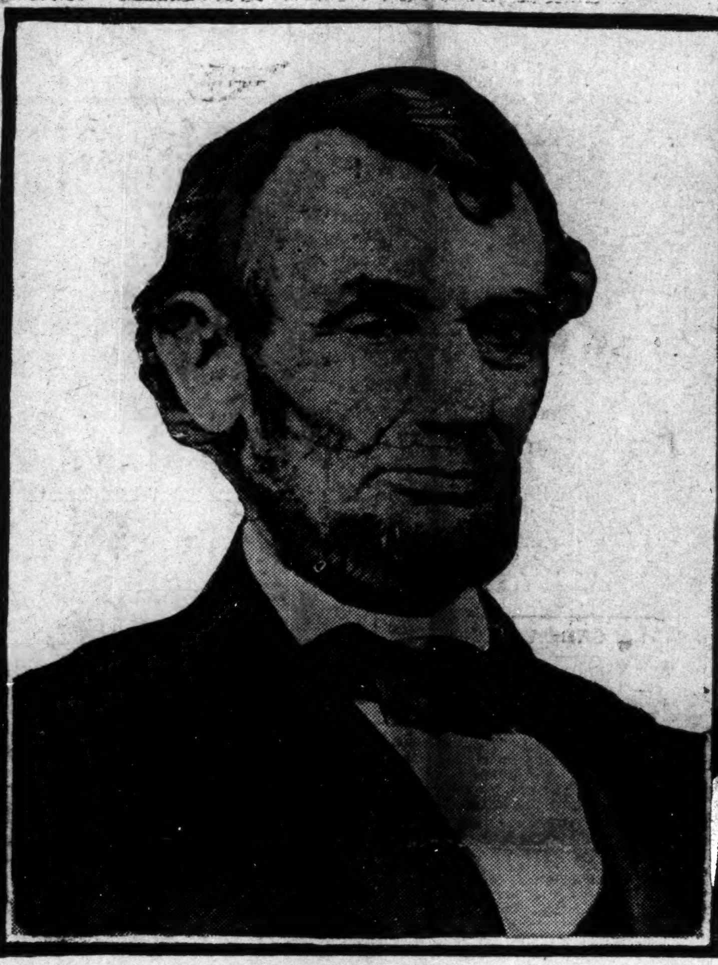
There is a strong movement under way to have the administration confer some honorable recognition upon Lawyer Thomas L. Jones, who since his graduation from the law department of Howard University has held a leading place at the bar of the District of Columbia. His legal ability is pronounced and as an orator he has few if any equals. He would be as much at home on the bench as pleading at the bar, and taking note of his poise, dignity and judicial temperament, his friends will probably urge the Department of Justice to offer him a position commensurate with his brilliant and solid attainments and in which he can bring to bear his exceptional talents as a barrister or administrator of justice. It is pointed out that in the District, where one-third of the population is colored, that it would be only fair that one of the judges of the police court should be a member of the Negro race. The unfortunates who are hailed before this court often feel that they are given short shrift there, and the presence of a jurist of their own color would go far toward re-establishing their confidence in this tribunal. Lawyer Jones would not be lax with any class of criminals, be they colored or white, but his friends are of the opinion that the court would carry a larger degree of influence for law and order if the colored people who are brought there could be led to feel that they are being dealt with by a man who is better able to comprehend their shortcomings, special needs and difficulties than any white man on earth. As judge of the police court, Lawyer Jones would set a new mark and such an appointment would make a hit with the colored people and at the same time meet the approval of the local bar and the white citizens who know the high character and impartial judgment of the man proposed for the honor. Lawyer Jones is particularly strong with the best colored citizens of Maryland, and his work in that State was productive of excellent results, as the returns for Taft and Sherman indicated. His eloquence is being relied upon this year to defeat the disfranchising amendment, and there is no doubt that he will be a vital force in rescuing the "old line State" from the hands of those who would continue to hold it back as the tail to the ancient bourbon kite. As a judge or as a prosecutor of violators of the laws, the Department of Justice would find in Mr. Jones a valuable ally.



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THE NATION'S CAPITAL IN BRIEF.

Auditor Ralph W. Tyler is collating the speeches of President-elect Taft on the race problem for gratuitous distribution.

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By agreement, the Senate will vote on the Brownsville matter February 23. There is a hope that the beginning of the end has been reached.

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Auditor Tyler has been appointed as chairman of a committee to devise plans for the collection of the delinquent subscriptions to the Y. M. C. A. fund.

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By direction of the President and upon application of First Sergeant George H. Harris, Company M, 24th Infantry, that soldier is to be placed on the retired list.

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Clarence Cameron White, the eminent violinist, who is in London, writes that there are about twelve Negro-Americans now in Europe studying some branch of art.

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Emmett J. Scott, executive secretary to Dr. Booker T. Washington, will be a member of the staff of Grand Marshal Williston on inauguration day. Mr. Scott was an "original Taft man."

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James Cubert Campbell of West Virginia has reappeared in contemporaneous journalism as the staff correspondent of the Baltimore *Afro-American Ledger*. Brother Campbell wields a trenchant pen.

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Charles F. Waller, formerly secretary of the Associated Charities, speaks in glowing terms of the progress being made in the development of the Social Settlement House for colored people on M street S. W.

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In the suit of Gaines vs. Caskins for dissolution of partnership, the receivers have been ordered to sell out the business. The place is one of the most popular in the city and is said to be worth $10,000. Frank Gaines, the plaintiff partner, has gone to Colorado Springs, Colo., in an effort to restore his health. His daughter accompanied him.

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The steamer Jane Mosely, which has been held in litigation since last fall, has been released to the Lewis Jefferson Company, her owners, and is being overhauled for the excursion season which is to open unusually early this year. Mr. Jefferson will have two boats on the Potomac and expects to do a big business at Washington Park and other river points.

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Collections were taken up last Sunday in the churches of the city for the relief of the Home for Friendless Girls, and the response was quite generous. The institution is located on Euclid street, N. E., near Eighteenth, and is supported wholly by voluntary contributions. A new home is to be erected when the funds pustify the venture. The president of the managing board is Mrs. John H. Paynter, and her energy and enthusiasm is infusing new life into the very helpful work.

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By courtesy of Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks, your correspondent is in daily receipt of the *Congressional Record*. The genial second officer of the nation is a great, big man, and the country will yet find itself in a position to call upon him for more of the gilt-edged service he has rendered it. Wouldn't he make an ideal ambassador to the court of St. James?

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Attorney Louis C. Gregory of the Treasury Department, one of the bright young men in the profession here—a protege of the painstaking Prof. W. H. Richards of the law department of Howard University—has been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the State of Missouri at Kansas City. The bar of the "show me" commonwealth will secure a valuable adjunct in Prof. Gregory.

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William Pennell goes to the White House as special messenger to President Taft after March 4. He accompanied Mr. Taft during the campaign and was instrumental in bringing to his attention many of the worthy colored leaders in the various States while on the itinerary. Mr. Pannell is thrifty and not afraid of work. He owns a fine farm near Kenilworth, a growing suburb northeast of the city.

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Chief Musician George F. Tyrrell, recently assigned to the 15th Cavalry, has been ordered to remain with the band of the 10th Cavalry in the Philippines until its arrival at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, when he will proceed to Fort Myer, Virginia, for duty with the 15th Cavalry. At Fort Ethan Allen, Tyrrell will be succeeded by a colored man as chief musician, in accordance with the President's order.

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The Hon. J. N. Leger, who served for a long time as Haytian minister at this capital, has taken up his bed and walked. He will not be missed by our people, for, though technically colored, he did not affiliate in any way with Negroes here. M. H. Pauleus Sannon, the new minister, named by the Simonites, has taken charge of the Haytian legation. It is said he will pursue an "open door" policy toward the American Negroes of the acceptable type.

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Mrs. Mary A. Hackett, mother of the distinguished elocutionist, Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, is dead, after a lingering illness. Mrs. Hackett came of one of the leading families of Maryland and for a number of years resided in Louisiana. A remarkably close comradeship existed between mother and daughter, and for the past two years Miss Davis has filled few engagements far from Washington, insisting upon remaining in touch with her invalid parent. For the present, she has no plans to announce.

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A prominent Odd Fellow of this city, whose opportunity for knowing things is of the very best, says: "Mark my prediction. The next Grand Master of the order will be Edward H. Morris of Chicago. He is as good as elected now, and his return to power will be signalized by a higher tide of prosperity for the Odd Fellows than was vouchsafed him before—and that is saying a great deal, for his administration was the best we had up to his time." This bit of gossip will not be "as welcome as the flowers that bloom in the spring, tra la," to the very confident followers of Dr. E. P. Jones of Mississippi.

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The trial of John Tom Heflin for shooting Louis Lundy on a street car here last spring will be called this month. The white woman in whose defense Heflin claims to have shot the colored man, is in China, having married a Russian prince a short time ago at Hong Kong. She was the star witness, but the district attorney says he will proceed with the case without her testimony. Lundy has been getting in trouble since the shooting and the public seems to have lost interest in him. The feeling is that it will be difficult to punish Heflin for his "smart-Aleckism"—if no stronger term can be used to describe his action.

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Bethel Literary and Historical Association celebrated the Lincoln centenary Tuesday night. Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom of Bethel A. M. E. Church, New York City, was the principal speaker. His subject was "Lincoln—the Consummation of His Work His Worthiest Memorial." Gen. Andrew S. Burt, formerly of the 25th Infantry, also spoke. The emancipation proclamation was read by Grand Master W. L. Houston of the G. U. O. of O. F.; Mrs. Carrie W. Clifford of Cleveland, O., read Lincoln's favorite hymn, "Oh, Why Should the Spirit of Mortal Be Praud?" and Miss Mattie R. Bowen read Lincoln's beautiful tribute to woman. The attendance was large.

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Attorney T. J. Calloway is spending the week in Atlanta, Ga., in the interest of the Lincoln Land and Improvement Company and reports that there is an increasing demand for fine lots offered by his company at Lincoln, Md., just outside of the District. The suburban spirit is growing among our people and the ministers and business men generally are taking a commendable interest in encouraging our people to leave the congested regions of the city and to build homes for themselves in the growing towns within easy reach of the trade sections and convenient to schools, churches and places of employment in the nation's capital. Lincoln is an admirable civic center and has a brilliant future.

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Ye Scribe gratefully acknowledges the receipt of two beautifully engraved calendars sent out by the Douglass Improvement Company of Louisville, Ky., one of our "homes." The subjects are good-looking Negro characters and happily illustrate the versatile attainments of the race in bringing forward a Negro photographer, a Negro designer, a Negro printer, a Negro pressman, all backed by that indefatigable, resourceful and pathfinding young woman of the race, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs. By way of parenthesis, let us remark that Miss Burroughs will be with us this week, to remain until after the inauguration, if her engagements will permit. She will deliver several of her "talking" addresses before Bethel Literary and other standard organizations during her sojourn "in our midst." Miss Burroughs is "at home" in Washington always.

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The race press is still more or less flooded with alleged "Washington Letters." A few are signed, and these are to be commended on the score of candor, if not models of accuracy. The tenor of most of the "news" sent out is calculated to engender strife where little, if any, exists at present, and tends to institute comparisons which are, in the nature of things, odious. We have here a group of leaders of which any race might well be proud. They may differ in non-essentials, but on the larger questions which affect their people they are an indissoluble unit. Real leaders do not divorce themselves from their fellows without grave provocation. Nothing has happened here, up to this time, at least, that warrants apprehension on the part of any prominent man of the race, and the stuff that is given to the press in the guise of "news" is, for the most part, unworthy of the space it occupies, and certainly serves no good purpose as long as it irritates and aggravates a situation that a soothing treatment would cure. People who thrive upon strife personally conducted are not usually regarded as "desirable citizens" by those who try to build up and to unite the elements that make for progress. Writers who expect to maintain their influence with the masses will be careful how they "father" matter that foments discord and brings about a condition that weakens the race in the face of the common enemy. Our voice is for peace. We can see no profit in confusion. There is room enough for all in the limelight, and the glory acquired by thy brother is no robbery of you. Selah!

R. W. THOMPSON.

TROY, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dr. C. M. Wells, of Birmingham, Ala., spent Sunday and Monday in this city.... Floyd Carwell, of Goshen, Ala., was married Thursday evening to Mrs. Amanda Green. They will reside at Goshen.... The Gossip Club was entertained at the home of Miss Alma McQueen, Wednesday evening, February 4. The following guests were present: Mr. John Jones and Miss Willie May Ardis, Mr. Whitehurst Murphree and Miss Nellie Wright, Mr. Julius Berry and Miss Minnie Ousley, Mr. Clarence Bostic and Miss Gussie Love, Mr. Caesar Maddox and Miss Lena Love, Mr. Baner Dortrey and Miss Alma McQueen, Mr. Alfred Wright and Miss Pearl Perry, Mr. H. Collier and Miss Mary Ousley.... Mr. James Lewis and Mrs. Ella Edwards were married Sunday night, at 6:30, at the home of the bride, No. 500 East Academy street. Rev. M. C. Lowery, of the First Baptist Church, officiated. Mrs. Julia Dortrey was bridesmaid and Mr. Pierce Penington was best man. After the ceremony refreshments were served. Mrs. Rebecca Gilford played the wedding march and selections during the ceremony. The bride was the recipient of a large number of useful and valuable presents. Five dollars in gold was presented to the bride from the Queen Esther Court, No. 205.

TAYLOR, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Jewel Hicks visited her father in Waco last week....Miss Sue Preston has returned from Chicago, Ill., where she has been attending school....Rev. S. C. Smith preached at the First Baptist church recently.

URBANA, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Leslie Adams is sick at his home in Hill street....The Junior Missionary Society met at the home of Miss Sue Armfield in S. Kenton street....The nine-year-old daughter of Professor and Mrs. W. B. Curry is dangerously ill at the family home in East Water street. Several days ago the little girl sustained a fall and it has since developed that she suffered a slight concussion of the brain at that time. Complications have since set in and it developes that the little girl has suffered a stroke of paralysis and that she is entirely helpless so far as her right side is concerned, a condition most unusual in a patient of such tender age.

NEGROES WILL TAKE PART

IN LINCOLN CELEBRATION AT HODGENVILLE

"THE EDUCATION OF THE TEACHER"

Subject of Address to Louisville Graduates by Prof. William Pickens—Grand Master Saffell of the Odd Fellows in the City.

THE FREEMAN published a story in last week's issue giving an account of a meeting of the Negroes of this city, who showed their disapproval of the Governor of Kentucky not appointing any Negroes as members of the Lincoln Memorial Committee, which is to take part in the ceremony at Hodgensville, Ky., where the President of the United States and other noted men will be present.

The story of the disapproval was taken up by the Associated Press and is well known. It is claimed that the Governor had the matter under advisement before the matter of disapproval was made known. However, a telegram dispatch has reached us that Governor Willson has appointed the following Negroes to take part in the centennary anniversary celebration of the one hundredth birthday of Abraham Lincoln. Following is the telegram:

"In memory of Abraham Lincoln and to bring before us all the ideal of blessed humanity which feed a race and which is such a noble part of the life of Abraham Lincoln, I do appoint as members of the Negro people's centenary committee the following representative men of the race: George Gentry, Rev. C. H. Parrish, Rev. P. H. Kennedy, Dr. E. E. Underwood, Jordan Jackson, J. D. McGowan, Albert S. White, E. W. Marshall, H. H. Smith, Dave Miller, C. H. Garvin, Dr. Felix Fowler, Rev. J. E. Wood, Danville; W. D. Johnson, A. W. Hawkins, James E. Givens, Rev. D. A. Gaddie, Horance Clorane, Edward B. Davis, Luke Busey, Prof. Jones, Henderson; W. W. Spraddling, Thomas Grayson, Rev. L. G. Jordan and James Woolfolk, messenger to the Governor.

Word comes that all the Negroes appointed have sent the Governor word of their acceptance and that on Friday of this week they will attend the monster celebration. The Negroes appointed come from various sections of the State and are professional and business men in their respective communities. The chief executive has done himself much credit to remember the "brother" who gave him 40,000 votes during his race for Governor.

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Your correspondent takes pleasure in announcing to the citizens of Louisville that, for the first time since there has been connected with the *Courier-Journal* a Sunday magazine, the pictures of Negroes will appear in it at an early date. This will be the first time that such a thing has occurred, and we wish to thank Mr. Stadaker, the Sunday editor, for this recognition. The class of Miss Georgia A. Lattimore, in actual service in the domestic science classroom, has been taken by an expert photographer, and the cut will appear in an early issue. The *Courier-Journal* and Louisville *Times* have been fair in this respect and we take the pleasure to thank those in authority for such kindness.

We hope that when the National Negro Business Men's League meets in this city to have a full cut of the National League appear in the papers, as well as some of the leading figures of that great body.

In this connection we might state that we have already made provisions for Col. R. W. Thompson to represent one of the Louisville dailies at the national meeting and also for our friend Roscoe Conkling Simmons to write for one of the morning journals. Horace D. Slatter, a well-known quill driver, of Hopkinsville, can easily be of service to the *Evening Post*. No doubt Charles Stewart, the omnipresent correspondent, will be here and give news nightly to the Associated Press and the dailies with which he is connected.

It might be said that Mr. Washington and the league did well in selecting this city for a place of meeting, and especially will the league be cared for, so far as the press is concerned.

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Sweet 16-year-old graduates have been the talk of the town the past few days. High school and normal commencements have been all the go. The people put on their best "bid and tucker" and went out Monday night to hear Prof. William Pickens, a graduate of Yale University and a winner of the intercollegiate oratorical contest the year he graduated. The fact that Mr. Pickens was here last summer and spoke to a large audience and won them with his oratory, brought out a monster crowd to hear him this time at the Normal commenceemtn at the Chestnut Street Methodist Church.

Previous to his address there were four young girls to read essays on "The Art and Science of Teaching," and afterward were presented diplomas by the president of the Louisville School Board. Certificates of graduation were given Misses Estella Clayton, Emma Lee Claybrooks, Fannie G. Marshall and Aljulia B. Coleman.

The musical numbers were excellently given, and the singing of Miss Lauretta Dodd was exceedingly charming and sweet; in fact, the whole chorus work was deserving of special comment.

The subject of the speaker, William Pickens, was "The Education of the Teacher." He said that he felt that it would be appropriate to say something of Abraham Lincoln, and this he did in such a masterly manner that he was frequently interrupted by applause. He discussed at some length the real need of good teachers and the kind that we should have and the influence they should exert in the community in which they lived, but he urged that back in the backwoods is the place where teachers to go, and places where there is no intellectual light.

"The race needs both kinds of education the same as a bird needs wings," declared

Continued on Page Four.

Women and Their Interests

By "DOROTHY."

LIFE'S VOYAGE.

Down life's broad stream we are drifting
In a little perilous canoe;
While the time is forever shifting
And everything changes from old to new.
On and on we swiftly float
In our life-saving boat.

Often dangerously we are drifting,
Rushing on through the dull present,
On and on forever floating,
Until our life is wholly spent;
Then we reach the Holy shore,
And land safely there forevermore.
—Maymie Geraldine Williams.

GIRL WAITERS.

White girl waitresses have replaced two hundred Negro waiters at the Chalfonte Hotel at Atlantic City. It is said that the invasion of girl waiters is very unpopular. As yet we have not heard of colored girl waiters to a great extent. One restaurant at Indianapolis, run by women, employs Negro girl waiters, cook and other kitchen help.

MUNCIE (IND.) CHOIR SETS GOOD EXAMPLE.

In order to set a good example to the women members of the congregation in lack of ostentation in dress, the young women of the large choir (white) have agreed hereafter not to wear hats and to wear simple, light shirt waists. The example is worthy to be followed by our choirs and congregations. In so many instances the service is entirely lost on account of the millinery and costume display.

MAYMIE GERALDINE WILLIAMS.

Maymie Geraldine Williams was born in Cedar Rapids, Ia., and received her education in the public schools of Monmouth, Ill., and St. Paul, Minn. She then took up and completed a course in stenography and typewriting, at the Hess Business College. The following two years were spent in the Southland. After two years in Tampa, Fla., she returned to St. Paul, and has been the stenographer and confidential clerk of the Small Loan and Investment Company and the Cosmopolitan Mutual Casualty Company for nearly four years.

Besides being a business woman of marked ability, Mrs. Williams is a writer of much interest. Her booklet, "Scribblings of a Scribbler," is a worthy production, and is dedicated to her self-sacrificing and ever loving mother. We are very proud to be in receipt of a copy. The poem introducing this column appears in her booklet, which appealed to us very much. There is a beautiful description of "Some Things I Saw in the Sunny South," which gives to one who has never visited in that part of the country much valuable information. An article on "Pruning Time for the Afro-American" brings us face to face with our present duty. A paragraph on character building reads in part as follows:

"Have you ever stopped to think what a wonderful study character building is? The first lesson in character building is self-mastery. When we learn to master our own evils, then we divert our attention to the evils of others. We do not think much of a man or woman that does a lot of preaching and practices nothing. * * * When a woman falls, there are but few that are willing to assist her back to former good standing. Mothers will teach their daughters to shun her and pass her without a sign of recognition, and she gets little, if any, encouragement to lead a better life. At the same time, mothers often invite and entertain in their homes young men of questionable character. When will the world learn that God did not write two separate codes of law? Sin is sexless. The world is sadly in need of young men with regard for virtue, young men that are courteous and proud of the women who deserve credit. And on the other hand, young Afro-American girls should seek to have strong characters, in order to demand the respect of young men. * * * If a race ever expects to build up a stalwart nation on a foundation laid down by its women, these women must possess purity. * * * Let us be up and doing; let us cut off the dead limbs and ragged edges of our sins, and let us give more time to developing the good that is in us."

MAYMIE GERALDINE WILLIAMS.

A good and fitting lesson is taught in this booklet, which is encouragement and an inspiration to do one's duty as seen by them. It should find its way to every Negro library and placed among the favorites.

Mrs. Williams wrote a poem dedicated to the Afro-American Women's Federation of Minnesota. One verse gives a very pretty definition of beauty:

"Beauty is not just an outside showing,
Nor the fact of one always knowing;
But one whose character and reputation
Are one and the same thing without exception."

Personally Mrs. Williams is very quiet and unassuming in her manner, and has gained many friends both by contact and reputation. "Dorothy" and The Freeman are glad recipients of St. Paul, Minn., general news and club notes of the State from her from time to time. Among the number of our women who are molding the upward path, Maymie Geraldine Williams is a factor who is contributing with much success to the result.

INDIANAPOLIS CLUBS.

The Dressmakers' Relief Club met with Mrs. Mattie Green, in College avenue, Tuesday, February 2. A program was rendered. Mrs. John Smith read a paper; Mrs. Lillian Booker, instrumental solo; Miss Cora Brown, recitation; Mrs. Addie Woods, solo. Mrs. Bneson served refreshments.

The E. C. Missionary Society met at 909 California street, and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Lena Martin; vice president, Mrs. Laura Jackson; secretary, Mrs. B. S. Taylor; treasurer, Mrs. Eveline Hart; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Anna Campbell.

The new woman in China, instead of railing against the tyranny of men, as her American sisters are doing, has revolted against her relations-in-law. One of the women's clubs in Shanghai proclaims as its object "rebellion against mothers-in-law."

The women of Wisconsin have declared their intention of getting every man and woman in the State who is twenty-one or over to sign the petition for woman suffrage which is to be presented to Congress.

AMANDA SMITH'S INDUSTRIAL HOME.

Booker T. Washington recently said that much can be done by the colored race at self-help. His entire life is dedicated to the cause of education in the Southland. An attempt on a small scale to duplicate his work is made in the North by Mrs. Amanda Smith and her assistants in what is known as the "Amanda Smith's Industrial Home," located at Harvey, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. This home aims to meet a real and pressing want, as well as cope with a rare opportunity, for be it known this is the only institution of the kind in the Northwest, and is only prevented by a lack of means from enjoying a rapid and substantial progress. In the South the colored people have learned how to stand together, as witness Tuskegee, but in the North there is certainly still great room for improvement in this particular. Amanda Smith's enterprise is a worthy one, founded on the noblest Christian principles and inspired by faith. Needy colored children of the North are as worthy of training and succor as those of the South.

The Susan B. Anthony Association, of Yonkers, N. Y., is meeting with much success.

Mrs. L. A. Dennis, of Ennis, Tex., is president of the Corsicana District Women Missionary Societies.

The Lydean Club of Hopkinsville met recently with Mrs. Mildred Vaugh. Mrs. Mary Tyler read an excellent paper.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of Green Street Baptist Church will meet February 11 at the hoem of Mrs. Mattie Turner, 131 Hancock street.

Columbus, Ga., has a Young Woman's Christian Association. At the meeting last week the topic, "Helping Others," was discussed. Miss Ella Carter is the chairman of the literary circle.

The Helping Hand Association and Catholic Club of Ladies, at Baltimore, is doing excellent work in assisting colored Catholic priests and theological students. Mrs. Mary Jackson is president and Mrs. Mary Dorsey is secretary.

Miss Ida Crookey, a missionary worker from Africa, spoke at a meeting of the New York Y. M. C. A. on a new plan for Africa. Her plan is the establishment of an industrial institute modeled after the Tuskegee and Hampton plan.

The Spelman Seminary, of Atlanta, Ga., has issued a financial statement. Miss Harriet E. Giles is president. The statement shows an enrollment of 661; studying agriculture, 153; basketry, 85; cooking, 172; dressmaking, 37; millinery, 47; printing, 26; sewing, 424.

The officers of Auger Household of Ruth, of Brooklyn, N. Y., for 1909 are: Mrs. Marion Chambers, worthy recorder; Mrs. Whiblee, worthy treasurer; Mrs. Caroline Thompson, worthy prelate; Mrs. Sarah Jones, worthy counsel; Mrs. Annie Jackson, P. M. N.; Mrs. Susie Stepney, R. N. S.; Mrs. M. Carr, N. G.; Mrs. Florence Dentor, R. S. S.; Mrs. Laura Jones, J. S.; Mrs. Martha Havens, R. J. S.; Mrs. Maria Parker, W. S.; Mrs. Elmore Chamberlain, and Mrs. Shedrick, worthy usher.

The Missouri State Federation of Women's Clubs elected the following officers at their recent meeting at Kansas City: President, Mrs. Josephine S. Yates, Kansas City, Mo.; vice president, Miss Emma V. Parker, Clayton, Mo.; recording secretary, Miss Louie Gains, Kansas City, Mo.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary E. Goins, Jefferson City, Mo.; treasurer, Mrs. Hattie L. Buren, Sedalia, Mo.; chairman executive board, Miss Mary Mack, St. Louis, Mo.; State organizer, Mrs. Effie B. Chinn, Glasgow, Mo.

OFFICERS FOR MAIL-ORDER HOUSE.

J. H. Zedricks & Co.'s general mail order house, 921-923 West Lake street, Chicago, has elected the following officers and members of the board of directors for the ensuing year: John H. Zedricks, president; Dr. C. H. Turner, vice president; Albert E. Jackson, secretary; J. J. Miles, treasurer; J. J. Miles, Dr. C. H. Turner, James W. White, Albert E. Jackson, Samuel S. Saunders, Wm. H. Pierce and John H. Zedricks, directors.

Race Gleanings

FOR JUSTICE.

Out of the abyss of a thousand miseries,
Cried an Ethiopian prince,
Pleading earnestly for compassion
And deliverance from thence.
Crushed and torn by hands of tyrants,
Bleeding from many wounds;
Struggling over roads of difficulties,
Hurled often to the ground.
Still, he cries out, "Give me justice,
Give me the slightest chance,
And tenfold shall be the deeds of valor,
Rapid the advance."

Injustice rules within thy kingdom,
Cruel hath been your reign o'er me;
But up through the gloom of this dark, deep dungeon
The rays of light I see.
My offspring gathers in its radiance
And rallies ever to the cry:
"Triumph we must o'er every hindrance,
Never do we mean to die"!
We will not go with heads averted,
We will not bow at your command;
Since pleading has ceased to be a virtue,
We challenge your right to shackle a man.

By gracious adoption we are God's children,
Though faithful to the end are few;
By the right of creation we claim his promise
As even so do you.
We would not stir up insurrection
To blight our happy land,
But equal to all men and nation
We mean to have a stand.
We want not with your sons and daughters
To socially keep pace,
But in the line of civil justice
We are going to hold a place.

I don't seek to rule your kingdom,
Though I, a prince by sovereign right;
All my desire for a struggling race is
An equal stand in the fight for life.

A building and loan association was organized in Salisbury, N. C., the third week in January. This business effort is another one of the many evidences of the influence of the Negro Business League whenever and wherever it is duly organized and properly managed. This makes the thirteenth association of the kind in North Carolina.

R. S. Abbott, a practical newspaper man, founder and editor of the Chicago Defender, is the president of a publishing company, organized for the purpose of furnishing Negro newspapers ready prints with cartoons along racial lines. They will be ready for business on and after February 15. The corporate name is The Defender Publishing Company; capital stock, $50,000.

The stockholders of the Pensacola, Fla., Loan and Trust Company held their first meeting January 15, and in accordance with the terms of their charter elected their officers. The following were elected for 1909: A. M. Johnson, president; D. J. Cunningham, cashier; I. H. Speads, secretary and manager; and three directors. The capital stock of the company is $10,000; the shares are all sold.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mechanics' Savings Bank, Richmond, Va., held January 5, 1909, it was shown that the total amount of deposits for the year 1908 was $465,716.90. The aggregate amount for the six years of its existence is $2,222,173.18. The directors declared an annual dividend of 10 per cent., now payable, and recommended an increase of capital stock to $100,000. They also recommended that a three-story banking house be erected in the near future, and preparations of the plans for the same will begin at once. The president of the bank is John Mitchell, Jr., editor of the Richmond Planet.

The business men of Durham, N. C., came together in a banquet on the evening of December 31, 1908, to take a retrospect and make a horoscope of the financail, moral and physical conditions of the Negro in that city. John W. O'Daniel was master of ceremonies. A few of the toasts responded to were: "The Progress of Durham Enterprises During 1908," by R. B. Fitzgerald and others; "The High Mentality of the Negro—Cause and Remedy," Dr. C. H. Shepard; "Our Church, the Qualifications of the Ministry," Dr. J. E. Shepard; "Our Schools, Their Mission for the Uplift of Humanity," Prof. P. W. Dawkins; "What Can Be Done to Save the Boys from the Chaingang," W. F. Young; "The Future Outlook of Durham Enterprises," G. W. Powell.

The Sunflower Agricultural Association of Kansas held its ninth annual meeting in Kansas City the second week in January. There were over forty farmers present, representing more than six thousand acres of land and thousands of dollars in stock, grain and implements. The association is growing yearly, and what is interesting to note is that the young men o fthe State are paying more attention to agricultural pursuits. There were more at this meeting than on any other like occasion. The association has purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land near Kansas City, to be divided into ten-acre tracts for truckers and those who wish to live in the country. Mr. C. A. Groves, of Edwardsville, is the president of the association.

According to an announcement in the Atlanta Constitution of January 28, the first old line life insurance company to be financed and operated by Negroes was granted a charter January 28 by the Secretary of State of Georgia. Among some of the incorporators are J. O. Ross, David T. Howard, H. A. Rucker, collector of internal revenue, Atlanta; M. B. Morten, of Athens, and a number of others. The organization has grown out of the discrimination as operated against Negroes taking out policies in the old line white insurance companies. The company must deposit $100,000 (as it is capitalized at $200,000) with the State Treasurer for the protection of its policyholders, as required in all cases of insurance companies chartered by the State. The aggregate wealth of the incorporators is estimated by the Atlanta Constitution at $300,000.

MOBILE, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. J. W. Wood, D. D., of State Street A. M. E. Zion Church, has made quite a success with his illustrated sermons on Sunday evenings...The Hospital and Nurse Training School organization is holding mass meetings at the different churches. Their aim is to raise funds to enable them to build an up-to-date hospital and training school for nurses for girls of our race...The Improvement Club of Ladies gave a donation from the proceedings of the charity ball...The colored Knights of Pythias are planning for a very handsome castle. Work will begin at a very early date...Vivian F. Packer spent several days hunting...Mrs. Agnes Douglas is much improved...You may call at the Gulf City Drug Store to get THE FREEMAN or it will be delivered to any part of the city to those who would like to have same. Five cents per week; 20 cents a month. C. M. Wilkerson, agent. ...The Lincoln Memorial Association will have a program at Zion Church next Friday night, Feb. 12, 1909. Prof. Woodyard will be orator on the occasion... Prof. William Pickens of Talledega College will be in Mobile some time during the month. He will deilver a few lectures. Date has not yet been given as to time of his arrival...The pharmacists have organized. This is a very good move. Their object is to improve conditions, to work their lines among their colored patrons, and to give whatever any other first-class store handles...Miss Harriet B. S. Marble, the lady graduate pharmacist, has charge of the Davis Avenue drug store... J. E. W. Smith left the city last week on a business trip of G. U. O. of F. He paid several claims of the endowment department. He reports lodges in Livingston to be in good condition.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The funeral of Mrs. Richard Warren was held at the family residence, 23 Corwin street, Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 2 p. m. Rev. Phelps of the First Methodist Church officiated. The many beautiful floral offerings spoke of the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The funeral was very largely attended. Members of the P. G. M. Council acted as pallbearers...Mr. and Mrs. John Warren and Mrs. McCorkle and Miss Hattie Johnson of Detroit attended the funeral of Mrs. Richard Warren...J. J. Evans, W. Cook, A. Manuel and J. McGrude returned home Wednesday, Jan. 27, from the grand session of Masons held at Jackson.

SPRINGFIELD, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. Williams, of South Carolina, is conducting a most successful revival at the St. John's Baptist Church; he also addressed the men at the association rooms of the Central Y. M. C. A., Sunday afternoon, January 31....Strenuous efforts have been exerted by certain parties at Springfield to connect a Negro with the murder of Mary Forschner, at Dayton, O., on the night of January 23, but so far all such efforts have been futile. It has also been officially stated that Layton Hines, who is now serving a life sentence in the Ohio penitentiary for the murder of Anna Markowitz, at Dayton, O., on the night of August 5, 1907, is believed to be perfectly innocent. It would seem that a petition should be gotten up by some of our leaders, which, in all probability, would secure Mr. Hines' immediate release.

OLD WORLD NEWS.

(From our own Correspondent.)

England is just now enjoying the unpleasant notoriety of a sensation very much like the one of Cassie Chadwick. A young English girl of 24, Miss Violet Gordan Charlesworth, was supposed to have been thrown out of her automobile into the sea and drowned on the North Coast of Wales some ten days ago. For days parties have been searching for her body which could not be found. Soon after the announcement of this "horrible accident" it became known that large sums of money had been loaned to her by various bankers throughout England, Scotland and Wales, and each banker had taken as security notes to be paid on January 15, when Miss Charlesworth had stated she was to inherit about $400,000. When her affairs were made public it came out that this large inheritance was a myth. Since then news has reached London that Miss Charlesworth is very much alive and the auto accident was a cleverly arranged plan to delude her many creditors. Although the shrewdest detectives of Scotland yards have traced her from one place to another, up to the present time she has given them the ship and her many creditors are sadder, but wiser men.

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Mrs. Carrie Nation, known to fame in America, is at present appearing at a local vaudeville theatre, and according to the papers is making quite as much of a "hit" on the stage as she did in some of the Kansas saloons and incidentally in court.

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London is all excitement in sporting circles over Jack Johnson's defeat of Tommy Burns. Johnson has spent a great deal of time in London since he left America, and is by far the most popular ring general who ever came here. Quite an amusing article appeared a few days ago in the London Despatch, written by old Bob Fitzsimmons, in which he says he expects a match with Johnson, and feels confident of putting him out in a few rounds. Of course this statement to an American is laughable when one remembers how easily Johnson put "Fitz" out scarcely a year ago.

In England where a man is not known by his color it was quite a surprise to read a letter in the "London Opinion," written a few days ago by an Englishman, complaining of the inter-marriage of English women with East Indians and Japanese. The writer goes on at a terrible rate urging Englishmen to protect their daughters and sisters from any kind of social connections with these "inferior people."

From present indications the article has been forgotten and the "warning" goes unheeded.

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The most remarkable stories are current at St. Petersburg concerning the fortune of the world famed Father John of Kroustadt whose death was recorded a few weeks ago. Current report has it that several Monks and Nuns disappeared as soon as Father John's death was made known, taking with them great sums of money. A search of his home revealed the fact that his safes had been broken into and money as well as diamonds and other jewelry had been taken. Everything pointed to the hasty flight of the Monks and Nuns who had lived with him and enjoyed his friendship during his life time. Father John enjoyed a yearly revenue of something like $1,000,000. There seems reason to beleive that many persons may be called to account before the law.

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The ladies of the Chinese revolutionary reform party declare that the late Emperor of China was murdered, that Yuan Shi Kai, the disgraced statesman, caused the late Emperor to be poisoned and that the physician who administered the drug was paid c2,500 to undertake the deed. Since this has come to light, an investigation into the death of the Dowager Empress is to be made, and startling revelations are expected at any moment.

According to the printed announcement of the Modu Manners Opera Co. of England one of the new opears to be presented for the first time this season is by S. Coleridge Taylor, the distinguished Anglo-African composer. The title of the opera is "Thelma" and deals with Norwegian life. This will be good news to the great number of Mr. Coleridge Taylor's friends in America. It will be remembered that Mr. Coleridge Taylor is a Negro born in London and educated here at the Royal College of Music. His best known work is "Hiawatha." Mr. Coleridge Toylar has visited America twice and appeared in several large cities as conductor of his own compositions. The Opera just mentioned is to be produced May 30, and June 4. I will tell you of the production at that time.

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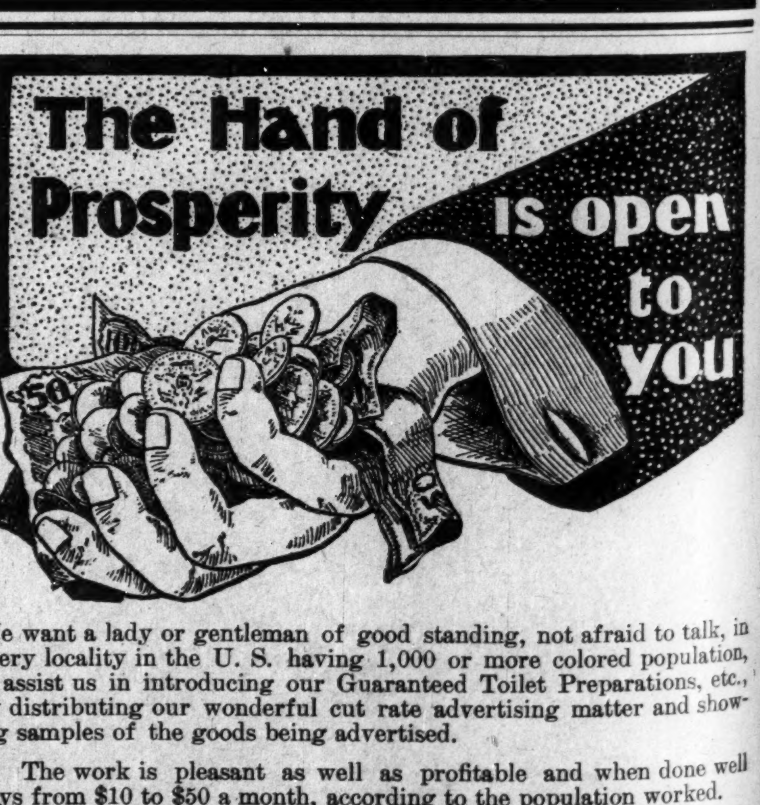

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A Romance of Arizona

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(CONTINUED.)

After the debauch was over and the merry, mad devil of nervous excitement was succeeded by the brooding demon of nervous depression McKee broached to Bud the idea of robbing the express agent of the money coming to Payson. This fell in readily with the young man's revengeful mood, and he unreservedly placed himself under the half breed's orders.

In accordance with these, Bud hung about the railroad station a great deal, cultivating the friendship of Terrill, the agent. "Ole Man" Terrill, as he was called, although he was a vigorous specimen of manhood on the underside of sixty, was ticket and freight agent, express messenger and telegraph operator—in fact, the entire bureau of transportation and communication—at Florence station. Bud frankly told him he was out of a job and had indeed decided, in view of his coming marriage, to give up horse wrangling for some vocation of a more elevating character. So Terrill let him help about the station, chiefly in the clerical work. While so engaged Bud learned that a package valued at $3,000 was expected upon a certain train. Although no consignee was mentioned, the fact that the amount tallied exactly with the sum Payson was expecting caused him to conclude it was Dick's repayment of his loan. Accordingly he informed McKee that the time they were awaiting had arrived.

Florence had grown up as a settlement about a spring of water some time before the advent of the railroad. Builders of the line got into trouble with the inhabitants and in revenge located the station half a mile away from the spring, thinking new settlers would come to them. In this they were disappointed. The point was an isolated one and the station a deserted spot between trains.

Eastward and westward the single track of railroad drifted to shimmering points on the horizon. To the south dreary wastes of sand glistening white under the burnished sun and crowned with clumps of grayish green sagebrush stretched to an encircling rim of hills. Cacti and yucca palms broke the monotony of the roll of the plains to the uplands.

Sahuaros towered over the low station, which was built in the style of the old Spanish missions. Its red roof flared above the purple shadows cast by its walls. In the fathomless blue above a buzzard sailed majestically down an air current and hovered motionless over the lonely outpost of civilization.

Within the station a telegraph sounder chattered and chirruped. "Ole Man" Terrill was at the instrument. His duties were over for the forenoon, the eastbound express, which, with the westbound, composed the only trains that traversed that section of the road each day, having arrived and departed a half hour before, and he had cut in on the line to regale himself with the news of the world. But there was a dearth of thrilling events such as his rude soul delighted in. The Apache uprising that was feared had not taken place. Colonel Hardie of Fort Grant had the situation well in hand. The nihilists were giving their latest czar a breathing spell. No new prizefighter had arisen to wrest the championship of the world from John L. Sullivan, who had put all his old rivals "to sleep." "Ole Man" Terrill proceeded to follow their example. He had been up late the night before at a poker game. His head fell forward with a jerk. Aroused by the shock, he glanced drowsily about him. Heat waves danced before the open window. Deep silence hung over his little world. Again his eyelids closed, his head dropped, and slowly he slipped into sleep.

Tragedy was approaching him now, but not along the wire. Down an arroyo, or "draw" (the dry bed of a water course), that wound in a detour around the town of Florence and debouched into the open plain near the station, crept two men in single file, each leading a horse. They were Buck McKee and Bud Lane, who had ridden north from the town that morning with the declared purpose of going to Buck's old ranch, the Lazy K. They had circled about the town, timing their arrival at the station a little after the departure of the train which was expected to bring Dick Lane's money.

McKee emerged first from the mouth of the draw. He wore a coarse flannel shirt, loosened at the throat. About his neck was a handkerchief. His riding overalls were tucked into high boots with Spanish heels and long spurs. A Mexican hat with a bead band topped a head covered with coarse black hair, which he inherited from his Cherokee mother.

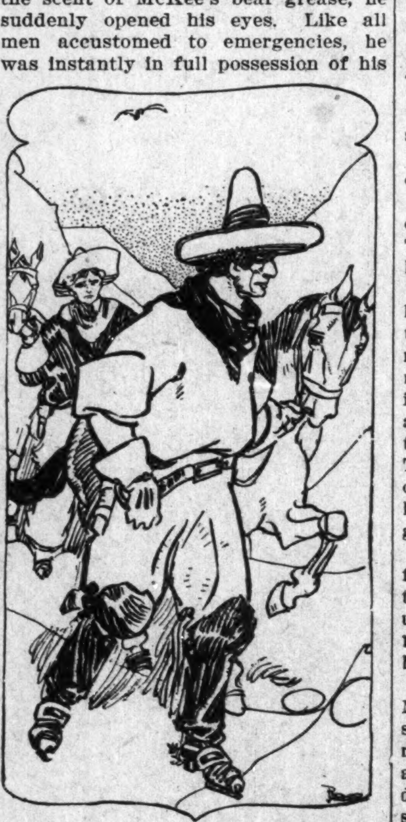
Save for the vulture floating high in air not a living thing was in sight. With the caution of a coyote McKee crept to the station door and peered blinkingly through the open door into the room. The change from the dazzling light without to the shaded interior blinded him for a moment. He heard the heavy breathing of the sleeper before he saw him.

Returning to the mouth of the arroyo, McKee motioned to his companion to bring out the horses. When this was done the two men cinched the saddles and made every preparation for sudden flight. Lane and the horses remained outside the station behind a freight car on a siding, while McKee stole softly through the open door to "Ole Man" Terrill's side.

Now, the agent used as a safe deposit vault his inside waistcoat pocket, the lock upon which was a huge safety pin. For further defense he carried a revolver, loosely hung at his hip and easily reached. His quickness on the draw in the hour of need and his accuracy of aim made him a formidable antagonist.

Some men are born into the world to become its watchdogs, others to become its wolves. The presence of a human wolf is, as it were, scented by the human watchdog even when the dog is asleep. McKee was known instinctively as a man-wolf to the born guardians of society. Slim Hoover, himself a high type of the man mastiff, used to say of the half breed: "I can smell that b'ar grease he slicks his hair with agin the wind. He may be out o' sight an' out o' mind, when somethin' tells me 'McKee's around.' Then I smell b'ar grease, an' the next thing Bucky shows up with his ingrasheatin' grin. It's alluz 'grease before meet,' as the sky pilot would say."

"Ole Man" Terrill was of the watchdog breed. Whether warned by the instinct of his kind or wakened by the scent of McKee's bear grease, he suddenly opened his eyes. Like all men accustomed to emergencies, he was instantly in full possession of his wits, yet he pretended to be slightly confused in order to get a grasp upon the situation before greeting his visitor.



Two men in single file, each leading a horse.

"Howdy, Buck?" he said, adjusting his revolver as he swung half round in his chair that he might reach his weapon more readily in an emergency. "Bustin' or busted?"

"Well, I'm about even with the game," replied McKee, pulling from his pocket a bag of tobacco and papers and deftly rolling a butterfly cigarette. "Goin' to shake it before I lose my pile. It's me fer the Lazy K. Dropped in to say goodby."

Terrill, who had recently had an expensive seance with McKee at poker, remonstrated.

"You ought to give me another chance at you, Buck. Yer goin' away with too much o' my money."

"Well, ole man, I'm likely to rob you uv a lot more ef you hain't keerful," answered McKee.

"You can't jest yit awhile," said Terrill. "Dead broke."

"Aw, come off! Everybody knows yer a walkin' bank. Bet you got three thousan' in that inside pocket uv yourn this minute."

Terrill started at McKee's naming the exact amount he was carrying. He forgot his customary caution in his surprise. "Well, you did jes' hit it, shore enough. I believe yer half gypsy instid o' half Injun. Jes' like yer knowin' I stood pat on four o' a kind when you had aces full an' throwin' down yer cyards 'fore I c'u'd git even with you. How do you do it, Buck?"

McKee gave a smile of cunning, inscrutable superiority. "Oh, it's jes' a power I have. 'Keen sabby,' as the greasers say—I'm keen on the know how. Why, I kin tell you more about the money. It's fer Jack Payson"—

"Now, there's whar yer way off as a cleervoyant, Buck," said Terrill triumphantly. "You guessed oncet too often. The three thousan' is county money, consigned to Sheriff Hoover. Jack Payson has jes' lef' with a package from K. C., but it wasn't money. It was a purty gilt chair—a weddin' present fer the gal he's goin' to marry."

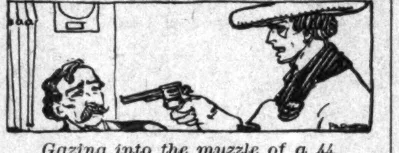
At that moment the sounder of the telegraph began clicking the call of the station. Terrill whirled about in his swivel chair and faced the table.

McKee stood close behind him. His lips twitched nervously. His eyes narrowed as he watched every movement of the agent's big shoulders as he operated the key. At the same time the half breed drew his revolver and covered the back of Terrill's head.

The agent completed his message and turned to continue his interrupted conversation. He found himself gazing into the muzzle of a 44—big, it seemed, as a thirteen inch gun. "Why—what?" he stammered.

"I'm actin' jes' now as Slim's deppity," said McKee. "Unbutton an' han' that money over."

Once having his victim in his power, all the innate cruelty of the Indian blood of his maternal ancestors flashed to the surface. Terrill was at his mercy. For one desperate moment he would play with him, even torture him as his forefathers had once made miserable the last moments of a captive. He knew that unless he silenced Terrill his life must pay the forfeit. Death was the penalty of detection. The arm of the express company was long. Ultimate capture was certain. Pursued out of Arizona by the sheriff, he would be trailed through every camp and town in the far west.



Gazing into the muzzle of a 44.

With an oath, Terrill tried to rise and face his antagonist, reaching for his revolver as he did so. The butt of his weapon had caught in the arm of his chair, hampering his movements.

McKee threw him roughly back into the chair.

"Throw up yer han's!" he cried. "Don't try that!"

Up went Terrill's hands high over his head. He faced the open window. Not a sign of help was in sight.

Quickly the agent turned over in his mind various schemes to foil McKee, who now stood behind him with the muzzle of his revolver pressing into the middle of his back. Each was rejected before half conceived.

McKee laughed sneeringly, saying, "You oughtn't to be so keerless to show whar you cache yer roll."

Terrill made no reply. His hope of escape was slowly fading.

McKee had reached his left hand over his prisoner's shoulder to disarm Terrill, who moved slightly away from him, drawing in his feet as he did so.

One chance had come to him. He knew that if he failed death was certain, yet he determined to take the risk in order to retrieve the slip he had made in admitting that he had money in his possession to a gambling crony, and so to keep clean his record for trustiness, of which he was so proud. This last desperate resource was an old wrestler's trick—one with which he had conquered others in the rough games of the corral.

Again Terrill moved to the right and farther under McKee, who had to extend his arm and body far beyond an upright position. Holding his revolver against Terrill handicapped the half breed in his movements.

With a quick turn Terrill grasped McKee's left arm, jerking it down sharply on his shoulder. With his right hand he grasped the back of his antagonist's neck, pulling his head downward and inward. Using his shoulder for a fulcrum, with a mighty heave of his legs and back he sought to toss McKee over his head.

So surprised for an instant was the cowboy by the suddenness of the attack that he made no effort to escape the clutches of the desperate express agent.

His feet had left the floor and he was swinging in the air before his finger pressed the trigger.

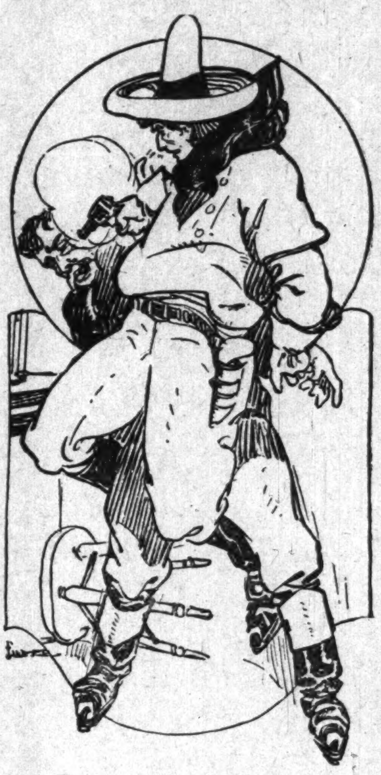
There was a muffled report.

The two men fell in a heap on the floor, McKee on top. Dazed and shaken, McKee scrambled to his feet. The air was pungent with odor of powder smoke. Terrill rolled over on his side trembled convulsively and died. He had paid the penalty for a moment's indiscretion with his life.

McKee quickly unfastened the pin and seized the roll of bills. Skimming through the package, he smiled with satisfaction to see that the most of it was in small bills and none of them stained.

Carefully avoiding the fast forming pool of blood which was oozing from the hole in the dead man's head, he hurried to the door.

A glance showed him the coast was clear. Running across the tracks, he joined Lane, who was waiting for him behind the freight car with impatience.



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In silence they mounted their horses. For a short distance McKee led the way upon the railroad track in order to leave no hoofprints and then struck across the desert toward the hills in the south.

"Why did you shoot?" gasped Lane.

"He drew on me," snarled McKee. "It wasn't Dick's money, but you'll get half. Shut up."

The burning sun rose higher and higher. The buzzard dropped lower in the sky. The silence of death brooded over the railroad station.

(Continued Next Week,)

BROWNSVILLE WILL NOT DOWN.

The Brownsville affair is looming rather than fading from the popular mind. The persistency of Senator Foraker has much to do with this. We might go further and say that only for the Ohio Senator the affair would have been a closed incident long ere this. His efforts on behalf of the Negro soldiers have not been in vain even up until this time and promise in the end a satisfactory conclusion, although it may come in a way different to the hope and expectation of the Senator. The efforts have not been in vain, since the searchlight of investigation has been turned fully on. As a result the public is acquainted with the situation and is able to draw its own conclusion as to the guilt or innocence of the men. Public opinion is making itself more manifest than heretofore. Public opinion as the rule has it that if Brownsville was "shot up" by the Negro soldiers, but few of them were engaged; manifests anxiety for justice done the innocent.

Last week the Washington Star, an influential daily at the capital, came out in an article earnestly appealing for fair play. It is of the opinion that the case has not received the attention it deserves, insisting that it is noteworthy, aside from the brilliancy and thoroughness of Senator Foraker's exposition and the alleged confession of Boyd Conyers, in that fair-minded men are under the conviction that a mistake has been made in the methods employed to separate the guilty from the innocent, and that justice demands a radical change. Speaking of the Conyers confession, it had as follows:

"When the Boyd Conyers 'confession' was announced the public was glad to believe that the guilty had been discovered and that fair play for the innocent might follow. But the affidavits submitted by Senator Foraker, especially that of Sheriff Arnold, a white man of high standing in the community, who was present at the interviews at which Conyers is reported to have confessed, utterly destroy the possibility of belief that the alleged confession was made. It is not credible that even a jury of white citizens from Brownsville, Tex., would convict on the strength of this alleged confession."

We take it that the Star has taken a broad view of the case, and not one out of pique, owing to the newspaper war on the President. Perhaps we have no right to insinuate differently, but at that circumstances altogether foreign to the question considered do sometimes influence men to take stands that they would not have taken. However, let the case be as it may, the position taken by the Star in a general way is the proper one. It asks what we have asked, what the soldiers have asked, what the Negroes in general have asked and what fair-minded men have asked, and that is a spirit of fairness be shown the innocent men. This is not a reflection on the President in the effort to discipline the army. He has that privilege or else it would not have been assumed. As we view it, it is not a question of prerogative—the President's rights in the matter—but that of fairness. Mr. Roosevelt is of the opinion that at least a few men were not guilty. It is his view. There remains in this view a chance for the assertion of a principle, however it may be considered unfitted for regulation in the army; it is fitted for the affairs of men. Men come before armies. It is to this extent that one—if the thing is so reduced—one innocent has no right to suffer. And we believe the President has the same view. The mistake is that he makes too hard a condition when he asks the soldiers to establish their innocence. It presumes them guilty, when the common law theory is to presume them innocent. Make them guilty. Failing in this, men are entitled to a clean bill of relief.

Furthermore, the President insists on a method by which they may be held innocent; they must declare who did do the shooting—a most unreasonable demand in the face of protesting men, men who insist that they know nothing of the affair. We again insist that we have not questioned the President's authority as commander-in-chief of the army or as President, according to the source of his authority. We do question his wisdom in making unusual conditions for the soldiers before he grants relief prayed for. He sets up impossible terms, terms to which the men can not comply. This is clearly injustice for some of the men, for it is evident that some can do no more than deny participation in the happening and to deny that they know any that did participate. Such men should have support and encouragement, presuming, of course, that they are honest, rather than cuffed about and "maltreated" by the "law's delays" or through the law's lack of convicting force.

The Star concluded the article by saying: "Why not forget for a moment the color of their skins and on American principles of fair play give these poor devils a chance? As we see it, the matter rests wholly with the President and owing to his office. This with no particular meekness, but an allegiance to the President and all pertaining thereto. This does not have Mr. Roosevelt in mind further than he is for the present the incumbent of the office. Were it Richard Roe or John Doe, it would be still the same, criticising their judgment, but recognizing the prerogatives of the office. With this in view we still maintain that Mr. Roosevelt is the court of the last resort, whether Congress acts in the matter or otherwise. The splendid services of Senator Foraker and the publications that are helping along in the matter are praiseworthy and will be remembered by those most concerned. However, whatever he may do, or the publications may urge, will yet be a matter of presidential consideration, and will not escape his influence unless passed over his head, a matter requiring more votes than can readily be mustered at this time on such a question as the one under discussion."

HE REFUSES TO BE COMFORTED.

Senator Tillman is not at all in harmony with his brothers, so far as the Taft influence is concerned. He thinks he sees a case of blarney in the President-elect's recent speeches to the Southern people. The North Carolinian refuses to be comforted, expressing himself in this wise:

"The Republican party is now seeking to debauch the South through Mr. Taft, who offers us two offices in every thousand of our population and a pretended advancement of our material interests to join the party. If the Republicans will throw down and abandon once for all their efforts to compel the South to recognize the equality of the Caucasian and the African by repealing the fifteenth amendment, we can then have the control of our state affairs, and can then train them to make better citizens and aid in that 'uplift' which Mr. Taft is so anxious to see brought about. But we never expect to 'lift' them high enough ourselves or allow anybody else to lift them high enough to put their heels on our necks, or govern us again, and the conflict of the races which seems to me inevitable will only be hastened by such talk as Mr. Taft indulges in."

In this matter, up until this time, Tillman is the lone, lone owl, hooting without cause, and refuses to be comforted. It is strange that he is not willing to make common cause with the forces that are for peace. Perhaps his job is best secured by political turmoil. What will some men not give to be in political evidence? In on a wave of virtue, in on a wave of crime—'tis all the same, just so one is in, is the way some view it. The time will come, sooner or later, when political virtue will be the chief requisite to high places, when men will sing of the good done, the mercy shown those that are less fortunate. Vaunting; how we do it, and how we are going to do it, will read the titles clear to political obscurity. The few years intervening may be somewhat dark and foreboding, but this will be as yesterday to that eternal stretch when civil liberty, political liberty will be advanced and the greatest possible good obtain.

Senator Tillman may not be on the program; indeed, he will have passed to the great beyond mayhaps ere the "millenium dawn," but the names of those on the program will be "legions." Now, we are not of the opinion that that fellowship of dreams will ever be between the races. There can come mutual regard where respect attaches to whatever respect is due. Admitting the differences of race notions, breeding, education or what not, it is not impossible to frame up a platform on which all can stand. Get together.

Don't forget that College Heights is an established fact; it is not merely on paper. The beautiful addition to Guthrie is already platted, and with an eye single to the many advantages of modern cities. Oklahoma is strictly in favor at this time, and Guthrie, the capital, is the particular center of attraction. College Heights adjoins Guthrie. As Guthrie, so is College Heights. Get in on the ground floor. You take no chances.

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The "Black Cabinet" is getting a lot of free advertising these days.

The Legislature, like the mills of the gods, is grinding slowly but surely.

Perhaps Richmond was not prepared for cutting off so much business without some substitute.

There seems to be a battle of typewriters at the national capital. No fatalities as yet, however.

A fellow in office is apt to get "cold feet," when somebody whispers gently in his ear that "they're after you."

You owe it to yourself to put your heel down hard on the tuberculosis evil. The germs may get you—"ef you don't watch out."

Some people wonder why the Hon. J. C. Napier simply smiles when certain things at Washington are mentioned in his hearing.

Don't forget that the Frederick Douglass homestead needs relief from indebtedness. The people are willing to take part. There is a way to reach them.

In our effort to get employment that has a good-sounding name we are losing hold on jobs that pay much better. Since the work will be done by some one, why not hold to them?

The esteemed Washington Bee has gotten so busy with the perennial school problem that it is about to forget to name the "nefarious tricksters" who are stirring up strife among the big officeholders.

It is fitting that Brownsville should go out of fame on the 23d. It came in on the 13th. And yet, there are people who have no faith in the supernatural power of numbers!. They wouldn't win at policy in a thousand years.

Most of us have thought all along that we knew all about the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln. The shocking information now comes that Lincoln was not so sure of his birthplace, but that he was born where history has had it for these many years.

Now comes some one wanting to colonize the "culls" of the human race. Guess he means the leftovers, the unworkables and the misfits. Otherwise, he would put the human family to sleep at sixty and upward. If the thing keeps on, we will be back to Spartan days, when the weaklings were dispatched as soon as they appeared.

The "Wizard of Tuskegee" is on the right track when he thinks the South's whilon antipathy to Negro progress is abating to a very great extent. The prosperous banks, fine farms and beautiful homes owned by our people everywhere below Mason's and Dixon's line give us evidence that somebody is either giivng the Negro a chance, or he is taking it.

Dr. Booker T. Washington's tour of South Carolina promises to duplicate in interest, enthusiasm and profit his famous itinerary in Mississippi last fall. The purpose of the trip is to stimulate the commercial and industrial sense of the colored South Carolinians and to emphasize the rich possibilities that reside in the soil of the Southland for the Negro, who has enough "get-up-and-get" to dig them out.

A public man must expect to be misrepresented to some extent, and to be told lies by designing persons who wish to play upon both his vanity and his fears. While affable alike to all, he must not permit himself to be imposed upon by the mischievous schemer, and turned against his true friends by the dirty gossip of the snake that dares not swallow its own slime for fear of poisoning itself. The real leader keeps his head, no matter how exasperating the crisis.

A "well-drilled and efficient police force," the first of the kind, is recommended for Liberia by President Barclay. It is to be trained by European officers and will, in fact, be a military organization for garrison duty. The subordinate commissioned officers will be civilized Liberians, while the privates will be largely drawn from the natives. Now, if the Liberians will also make farmers out of a good many of them, much of its problem is solved. If the native can make a soldier, he can also be taught the duties of citizenship otherwise.

Auditor Ralph W. Tyler owes the Washington Herald a vote of thanks. That journal, in an ineffectual effort to besmirch Mr. Tyler's official record, simply gave him a fine opportunity to exploit the "ship-shape" conditions prevailing there, and to hand out a fragrant nosegay to his capable and loyal force of clerks, to whom he generously accorded the credit for the rapid work that the office has been doing.

President Roosevelt has made a hit with the civil service set, anyhow—he vetoed the Census Bill, recently passed by Congress, holding it to be a spoils measure. In our opinion he might have let it come through. Things are so deucedly tight that the boys would welcome a little "dispensation." Congress seems to be of the same opinion. What are they in Congress for if not to find something for the faithful to do? Really, the constituents don't think any too much of a Congressman that can't pull something.

The President of Liberia advised in his message to Congress that the judicial department of the government be revised, saying that international and local interests of the state make a reform desirable. He suggested two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, which consists of two judges, making a total of four. He insists that they be selected from among men who have had legal training. "They must conform to the rules of conduct and of deportment which characterize judicial officers in the civilized world."

Clarence White, the violin virtuoso, is abroad, in Europe, where he is rounding up his musical education. Mr. White will be heard from through the columns of the Freeman, where a weekly news letter will appear giving important happenings that come within his observation. Mr. White will be remembered as the leading violinist of the race; he appeared in many concerts throughout the country, winning general applause. His many friends and admirers will be pleased to know that he is further pursuing his artistic education.

While it was by no mean certain that such a city as Richmond, Ind., noted for its Quaker influence, would stand up for liquor, it has been thought that when the contests come the larger cities will vote "wet." Despite the supposed religious influence about Richmond, it went "wet," proving without question what will result in the greater cities. The smaller towns and outlying townships more than likely will go dry, as has been the rule. Not a single burg about Richmond voted for whisky. Looking at it from the moralist's viewpoint, the larger city showed up poorly, but as a business proposition Richmond is in it.

LINCOLN CENTENARY TO BE OBSERVED.

The Lincoln centenary will be appropriately observed at Howard University. President Thirkield announces a program of unusual interest for the occasion. Beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 10 a. m., Senator J. P. Dolliver will deliver his new lecture on Abraham Lincoln, which later the Senator will give at the great celebration to be held at Lincoln's home, Springfield, Ill. This makes the hour one of unusual interest, as no doubt this will be a great oration by one of the real orators of the nation.

On Feb. 12 at 10:30 a. m. a program of special interest has been arranged for. The Hon. James Rudolph Garfield, Secretary of the Interior, will preside. Addresses appropriate to the occasion will be given by the Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the House; the Hon. James A. Tawney, the Hon. William T. Vernon, the Register of the Treasury, and the Hon. J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio. On this occasion a great painting, which has been placed in the custody of the university, entitled "The Underground Railway," by the celebrated artist, C. T. Webber, of Cincinnati, will be unveiled, the address being given by Mr. William E. Curtis, the correspondent. The main figures in the painting represent the benign faces of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Coffin. These devoted old Quakers led in this movement for many years. The painting is of great historic interest and value, and it is hoped that it will come into the permanent possession of the university.

Special music appropriate to the anniversary will be given by the large University Choral Society.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

"It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us; that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, shall not perish from the earth."—From Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg.

For fear we forget and feel to underrate the greatness of Lincoln, judging only so by the accident of war, there is yet recourse to his speeches, which will reassure us that Lincoln was great in "fee simple"—in his own right. War was the background of this great character; it showed forth the gem of a man that had been tucked away in the backwoods civilization. And after all it is not strange that he should have been the man he was. His earlier associates were men of books; his life was molded by those great patterns, and perforce of circumstances, since he had no associates. He had by nature the first and great requisite—ambition to count in the world. His guides were the great characters of whom he read. He came forth steeped in their goodly qualities; they were his environment. Here was his first schooling, when th eimpression is best and most lasting. Who influenced the impression is best and most lasting. Who influenced him most, what influenced him most may not be known by what he wrote, said or did. He seemed to have absorbed the best from whosoever and from whatever source, making the most perfect man.

His speech at Gettysburg is called a classic. If the term means beauty of thought through the beauty of vehicle—language—it is truly so. Aside from this is yet the better part—he spoke his soul. The question needs not be asked, Did he speak his soul? It is plain. As true as the mirror throws back the face, just so true is it that Mr. Lincoln wrote and spoke what he felt. It is one of the secrets of the beauty of the expressions.

In all we read of him, learn of him, he impresses us as one who never had a vain or idle thought. Verily he set nothing down in malice nor naught extenuated. He was paternal—patriarchal. He stands out like a Biblical character, measuring up in his work with Moses; stood above men as Saul when called to begin a kingdom, was tested and tried, spiritually; as Job, and died like Jesus Christ. Who will view that sorrowful face and not think of the "Man of Sorrows"? Spitefully used, cursed and threatened in his day, the world has at last come to know what he endured. Lincoln was not ignorant of the abuse he received right among his professed friends. How crushing this must have been for one of his understanding! Yet he was strong—"the tenderest or the bravest." He was thrice armed because in the cause of right. So the scoffing was met with that fine scorn—silence. Here was a sign of superiority among men; he lived above their malice and scoffing. He knew his duty and would nothing short of it.

Amid the ghosts of the dead past—of the great departed—that of our Lincoln looms up, standing in the very forefront—a very prince by the divine right of superiority.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

P. J. Cooper had the honor of representing THE FREEMAN at the piano fund entertainment given at St. Mark's Church last Friday evening by Misses Hazel Jackson and Goldie Harden. Owing to the inclement weather, the crowd was small. Many selections were rendered by the local talent. It will be repeated next Friday evening with a little comedy, entitled "For Old Love's Sake."...John White, who is playing the Bijou, and Perry Black and wife and L. Jones at the Majestic are registered here...THE FREEMAN is on sale at Edward's store, 192 Fourth street...A comedy drama entitled "For Old Love's Sake" was presented at St. Mark's Church last Monday evening by Misses Goldie Hardin, Hazel Jackson, Mabel Green, Jessie and Marguerite Burgette, Messrs. Vincent Burgette, Charles Warren and Edward Sellers. It was well received by a fair-sized audience...The Old Plantation Quartet of Cleveland, O., is registered at the Howard Hotel as follows: E. R. Thomas Chas. Greene, Windell Talbot and Wm. Boyd...Al Long sends regards to his cousin, Miss Sofia Johnson, who is teaching school in Louisville, Ky...Mr. McMickin's wife joined him last Tuesday, having left Louisville on Sunday and came through Indianapolis to visit the office of THE FREEMAN...Mrs. Eph. Williams, the wife of Prof. E. Williams, states that her husband is doing well with his vaudeville and minstrel show and has a company of twenty-six people, changing program three times a week. She will join her husband after the closing of the schools...Louis Young is opening a fine hotel and cafe at 421 Cedar street...P. J. Cooper has been on the sick list for the past week...Leave orders for THE FREEMAN each week at Walter Edwards' cigar and news store, 192 Fourth street. News items will also be received here...Mrs. Noble has one small room to let at 188 Sixth street, upstairs. Price reasonable.

QUINCY, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Culture Club celebrated Lincoln's birthday last Sunday at Eighth and Elm Baptist Church. Company I, 8th Illinois National Guard, turned out, Lieut. S. H. Shumaker being in command. The committee was composed of J. W. Tutt, Miss Etta Douglas and Mrs. C. J. Russell. The following program was rendered: Reading of emancipation proclamation, Miss Bettie Harrison; biography of Lincoln, Miss Gertrude Gamble; solo, Miss Anna Johnson; paper, Lieut. S H. Shumaker; solo, Geo. Marshall; reading, "Lincoln at Gettysburg," Mrs. Daily...Mrs. Chas. Chappell and grandson have returned from a visit with Mrs. Chappell's daughter, Mrs. Henderson, in Keokuk, Iowa...The funeral of Mrs. Julia Thomas was held at Eighth and Elm Baptist Church last Sunday...Mrs. Myria Topp, a sister of Wesley Perkins, died last Friday morning. Mr. Perkins and wife left Saturday morning for Monroe City, Mo., to attend the funeral...John Richardson left Saturday for Spokane, Wash...Prof. J. W. Tutt is running for justice of the peace. We should support him because he is one of our race...Arthur Bucker has opened a place of business in North Fourth street. He will have copies of THE FREEMAN for sale...The revival has closed at the Bethel A. M. E. Church...Capt. Thomas spent a few days in our city...Rev. T. L. Smith received a purse of $40 on his thirty-ninth wedding anniversary.

SHERMAN, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

H. D. Givens and L. C. Culberson have opened a high-grade cleaning and pressing parlor in the rear of Elmer Williams' handsome tonsorial parlors. THE FREEMAN is on sale there...A. G. Johnson has been elected president of the B. Y. P. U. of Harmony...Copies of THE FREEMAN may be had from Jim Carson, the tonsorialist, near the postoffice.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Monday, Feb. 8, at the Phoenix Hall, John Patterson and his drill team, composed of young lads of the Young People's Co-operative Union League, gave a successful drill and entertainment, which was greatly enjoyed by the large audicence that was present. The drill team is certainly there with the quick movements, and their performances bid fair to great things for the future. Their baseball movements, football and double step afforded much amusement to the audience and their encores were long and numerous. The team was honored with the presence of the Whangdoodle Comedy Four, playing the Bijou this week, who rendered several selections for them and the audience. The affair was a great success, both socially and financially. The ladies of the Pastor's Aid served an excellent supper.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Asbury Gaithes received a telegram recently informing him of the death of his brother Daniel in Cincinnati, which occurred Tuesday...Robert Cary of Pittsburg visited James Biddle recently...Mrs. Eliza Delpa and daughter Addie of North Watt street are ill...Theophilus Pullman is able to be out after a week of sickness. ...Mrs. Ella Scuggs of Johnstown, Pa., visited her son Gilbert of 512 Edward street recently...Herbert Bacon of Erie, Pa., was in the city last week...William Saunders will give a valentine party at the Auditorium Rink Monday evening... William Roberts is able to be about... Hazel Harper is on the sick list...A number of Youngstown people will attend the K. of P. first annual banquet in Akron Feb. 17...Harry Thomas was injured at Mineral Ridge Sunday...Freddie Harris of Jefferson visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harris...W. O. Brown is ill. ...Attorney Thomas Green, enrolling clerk of the Senate at Columbus, spent ten days in the city...A number of Warren people attended the skating party Monday evening...William Saunders' masquerade Monday evening was a grand affair. The prizewinners were: Most ragged man, Gus Freeman; best makeup, Salena Thomas, Struthers, O.; fanciest costume, Gertrude Brown; cmoic, Ida Whitlow; comic gentleman, Geo. Wadell; second best makeup, Julia Renn...Monday evening, Feb. 15, there will be a valentine skating party, and those who wish to send valentines to their friends should bring them and put them in a box. There will be valentines for sale at the rink and there will also be a champion race between Mr. Scott and Mr. Freeman.

NEW ALBANY, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Thomas H. Johnson, for several years an attache of the local postoffice, has been notified from Washington of his appointment as a member of the mounted staff of Dr. E. E. Williston, grand marshal of the third division of the inaugural parade on the 4th of March. Mr. Johnson has also been designated to act as chairman of the New Albany sub-committee on public comfort, to act in conjunction with the Washington committee, which is to look after accommodations for colored visitors. Mr. Johnson is empowered to name ten associates. It is understood that these honors have come to Mr. Johnson upon the recommendation of R. W. Thompson of the War Department at Washington, who maintains his legal residence in this city.

SHELBYVILLE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. James Allen, pastor of the Second M. E. church, preached an excellent sermon Sunday morning, his theme being "The Bright and Morning Star," Rev. 22:16. Sis evening theme was "Prepare to Meet Thy God, O Israel."....Mrs. Lafayette Estes is very sick out on East Washington street....Miss Nannie Hill is in the city visiting Mr. John Duke, on East Locust street....Mr. A. B. Russell gave an interesting address to the Young Men's Prayer Band last Sunday. Mr. Russell is a lecturer and prominent business man of this city....The McFarland Skating Rink has moved from the Temant biulding to the Dorsey block....A county option election will be held in this city March 6, 1909....Rev. Mrs. S. A. Ransey, of this city, is holding a wonderful revial in Connersville for Rev. H. Hinton. ....Rev. Joseph Robinson preached excellent sermons Sunday during the absence of Rev. Jones, who is holding a revival in Cincinnati for Rev. Frank Green.

SPOKANE, WASH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Capt. Lincoln Linnard had his back sprained from assisting an expressman. ....Miss B. Reed, who has been in the city for some time with her sister, Mrs. J. Mapps, left on the 2nd for Seattle, where she will visit her brother, Roe Reed....The tea that was served by the Ladies' Guiid of St. Thomas Mission, at the residence of Mrs. A. F. Todd, 210 Pine street, on the 2nd, was very much enjoyed by the ladies....Mrs. Triplet, 503 Second avenue, has been ill for a few days. At this writing she is reported much better....The Valentine party given by Club C, of St. Thomas Mission, on the 3rd, was quite a success....The fourth annual entertainment given by the Business Men's Club of St. Thomas Mission was one of the grandest affairs of the season.

LOGANSPORT, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. Irwin, pastor of Kokomo A. M. E. Church, passed through the city last week en route home from Lafayette, where he has been helping in a revival....Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Malone entertained the Rev. Mrs. Lena Mason, Mrs. Davis, Rev. Craven and wife at an elegant 11 o'clock breakfast, Saturday morning....Carl Perkins, Leon Perkins, Mr. Parker and Mr. West, of Kokomo, spent Sunday evening in the city. ....Rev. Alexander Smith, of South Bend, spent Monday in the city, the guest of Rev. Mrs. Lena Mason and Rev. Craven. ....Mr. and Mrs. James Carter entertained the Rev. Mrs. Lena Mason, Mrs. Davis, Rev. Craven and wife at 6 o'clock dinner, Saturday evening....If Bethel A. M. E. Church has been three times its size, Sunday night, it is doubtful if it would have held the people who crowded there to hear Rev. Mrs. Mason. At all services during the day the crowd was immense, both white and colored taking a spiritual active part. Theer was one accession to the church Sunday morning, and it is to be hoped that many will come in before the close of these meetings.... Harry Malone and Kile Moore have returned home from Culver and will seek employment here.

ORANGEBURG, S. C.

W. Rice and H. K. McKenion are conducting a vrst-class tailor shop.

KALAMAZOO, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Second Baptist Church is holding a revival meeting, which is being largely attended. There have been fifteen converts at this writing. The meeting will continue indefinitely....The A. M. E. Church will have a Lincoln exercise on Lincoln's birthday anniversary. A flag drill will be given by six young ladies and a soldier drill by seven young men, who have been drilled thoroughly by Mr. Alfred Wilson. Mr. Raymond Harris and sister will render a duet. Miss Ethel Mitchell will recite. National airs will be sung by the Sunday School. Rev. Bell will speak upon the life of Lincoln....Mrs. Clara Jones was in Battle Creek last week visiting friends....Frederick Dungill returned Monday from a visit in Battle Creek.... Mr. Ernie Manning has secured the contract for the catering of the Lincoln banquet, which is attended by over 300 generally. It will be necessary for twenty-five waiters to assist Mr. Manning.... Herman Tyler, who has made a very thorough study of the automobile, and who has been employed as a chauffeur, will very likely sail for Europe next week, having closed a deal with one of Kalamazoo's most wealthy men. He expects to be on the continent for nearly two years....Mr. Walter Butler has been visiting friends at St. Ignace and Mackinac Island, in the northern part of the State. He brought back a beautiful string of fish. ....Solomon Jones, who has been head porter of the Burdick Hotel, expects to leave for New Orleans this week, where he will visit many friends and relatives. He will bring his brother back with him. ....Fred Bass has left for Chicago, where he has accepted a very lucrative position with the Boston Oyster House....W. Thomas has accepted a position as chef of the Niagara Hotel....Will Harris, who is connected with the Rickman Hotel, has returned from Detroit....Hazel Hackley has accepted a position with a large card company in New York....Frank Evans has added another chair to his well-equipped shop, and has just returned from Chicago, where he purchased some of the latest tonsorial effects....The Odd Fellows gave a banquet anad ball Thursday. ....Ben Goins has recently redecorated and added a new chair of the latest design to his already well-equipped shop. ....Herbert Hall will leave for Ohio this week, where he will visit many relatives and friends. He expects to be gone about three weeks.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

James Willson, of Calvin Center, was the guest of E. Coker....The Home Circle of the A. M. E. Church was entertained by Mrs. Mathews....Marcellus Devon was called to the bedside of his dying father at Scranton, Pa.....Mrs. Iria Powell, of 420 South Main st., is slightly improved. ....Floyd Boon is very much improved. Everybody is delighted to see him around once more....Mr. and Mrs. Williams have returned from Toledo, O....The St. Paul Ruffin Club was entertained by Mrs. D. Curtis, of South Bend avenue, February 3. ....Mrs. Andrew Randolph is improving. ....Ray King is very sick on Fassnet avenue...The Rev. Carr conducted three services Sunday. The Lord's Supper was administered. A large crowd attended.... Sunday, February 14, Mount Zion Baptist Church will begin a series of revival meetings. We earnestly hope much good will result from them....Rev. Alexander Smith is visiting in Logansport....The Sunday evening services at the A. M. E. Church are well attended. The public appreciates the excellent programs arranged. ....Mr. Goodwin, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., gave an interesting lecture on what man has done. Mrs. Barber and the choir rendered excellent music. Mr. Earl Findly read a paper on "Woman." Charles Bell sang a solo entitled, "Hold Thou My Hand." Mr. Compton's paper on "Our American," was highly appreciated.... The Daisy Dean Walker Club will meet with Miss Irene Hickman, Saturday, the 13th....A Calanthe Court was organized February 5, called the North Star Court. The officers are: Mrs. Emma Russell, W. C.; Mrs. Radford, W. Ins.; Mrs. Artis, W. O.; Mrs. Grady, W. L.; Mrs. Ash, W. R. D....S. Lang Williams, of Chicago, was the guest of Mrs. J. W. Wade, on North Walnut street....Master Frank Hubbard, of 611 California avenue, is on the sick list....The ladies of the B. Y. P. U. gave a midwinter picnic at Zion Baptist Church, for the benefit of the church, Thursday. The church was decorated with evergreen to resemble a forest, and all the participants were arrayed in picnic attire, and a most enjoyable time was had....Mrs. Hickman has been suffering with rheumatism....Harry Meadown has been confined to his bed for the last week. He is on the mend....The O. D. T. Club met at the residence of Mrs. G. Sanders. A hot lunch was served. Mrs. Dooly recited "The Model Church," and Mrs. Hutelnus sang "Where Is My Brother and What Is He Doing?"....The Deaconess Board will meet with Mrs. Arnett on Friday....The pound party surprise for Rev. A. Smith was a complete surprise and success....C. Elliott and H. Hill were in Gary on business Monday.... Mrs. N. C. Franklin is visiting in Chicago, and will be joined by her husband and daughter, Mrs. Frank Allen....The Booker T. Washington Society will meet at the A. M. E. Church, Friday, February 12. There will be a program, consisting of music, and speaking by Hon. B. Hillman. All members and friends are requested to be present....The ladies of Taylor Chapel observed Woman's Day, Sunday....Mrs. Turner Bird, of Lansing, Mich., was the guest of Mrs. P. Day and Mrs. Kinchlow. ....Miss May Hill is learning dressmaking under Miss Etta Evans.

LOST RELATIVE.

I wish to find out the whereabouts of my brother, Willie Williams, whom I have not heard from for some time. At one time he traveled with Cole Bros. circus. My maiden name was Mary B. Williams. Any information will be gladly received. Address Mrs. Mary G. Colbert, General Delivery, Oklahoma City, Okla.

WANTED—Man pianist, one who can sing and play; tenor voice; good character. W. R. Carter, 3403 Dearborn street Chicago, Ill.

NEGROES WILL TAKE PART

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the speaker. He said that as the white man moves forward so will the Negro, and that it is his duty to help the Negro move forward. Self-help was also encouraged in his address and he did not fail to say get higher education as well as industrial. He spoke of the school system of the city of Louisville and complimented the School Board for giving such good attention to the education of the Negroes of this city.

He urged a high standard of citizenship, intellectual and moral excellence, and pointed the way to better and higher things. The president of the Louisville School Board, an alumnus of Mr. Pickens, and seven other members of the School Board were present at the commencement. The report has gone out that Mr. Pickens will be urged to come to this city and accept a position in the high school. Prof. William S. Peyton, teacher of the Normal school, acted as master of ceremonies and Prof. A. E. Meyzeek made the announcements.

While here Prof. Pickens was the guest of Prof. A. E. Meyzeek, principal of the Normal school. He was entertained at dinner with Prof. W. S. Peyton and Cary B. Lewis present. After the commencement, Mr. Pickens was given a stag at the charming and beautiful home of Prof. James R. Harris, of the chair of history at the Central High School. Mr. Pickens was the central figure of the evening, telling for the most part tales from Abraham Lincoln. He was joined by Prof. J. R. Harris, Prof. A. E. Meyzeek, Prof. John T. Clark, Prof. Eugene Jones, Attorney W. L. Ricks, James R. Harris Sr., Leonard Haley, Cary B. Lewis, C. H. Bullock and others. The affair was very enjoyable.

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From the report of the Ministers' Alliance, which met at the Y. M. C. A. last Monday, some real tangible work will be done soon in the interest of a new high school. We are glad to state that THE FREEMAN takes some little share of praise in this movement, as it has, in season and out, said those things necessary to arouse interest and public sentiment. It is hoped that the good ministers will not stop their good work but will keep on pushing. Don't compromise, but urge and ask for a new building. The Negroes of Louisville need it; they are due it, and they ought to have it. Three times we have been pushed into old buildings that were formerly occupied by white children, but seldom have we built a new out and out school.

A new high school with all the modern conveniences necessary to give the higher education is what is necessary. From what we can learn, the "Jim Crow" Berea, with its industrial training alone will be in this vicinity and the colored people should see to it that they will have at least one institution where their children can be taught some of the things that give power to the mind and soul. Let us fight for a good new high school and a better curriculum and such instructers that will lead young men and women to think and act when they shall have graduated from school. So may it be, and to this we pledge our influence and pen.

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Dedicatory services were held last Sunday at the State University, 722 West Kentucky street, in the handsome new Girls' Domestic Science Dormitory erected by the Baptist Woman's Educational Convention. The building was erected at a cost of $20,000, all of which amount has been paid except $7,000, and a large part of the balance was raised on that day.

Mrs. Mayme E. Steward, one of the most pleasing speakers in this section of the country and president of the Woman's Baptist Educational Convention, has worked faithfully for years to raise funds for the institution. She made the presentation speech and presented the keys to the chairman of the Board of Trustees. William H. Steward, the chairman, responded with an address on the history of the school and its struggles, and was very much pleased that the new building had become a reality. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. E. Williams, D. D., of Hopkinsville, Ky., and he said that if the building had connected with it those with the spirit of God, it would be a great success. He pointed to the girls the life of righteousness and service and urged them to make the most of their opportunities while in school. He placed much stress on Christian education.

The Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., was present and raised a large sum toward the building fund. The board of the Educational Convention was present and many of the women delivered short addresses. Mr. Sales, field secretary of the Home Mission Society, was present and spoke at the dedicatory exercises. Many leading ministers of the city and State were also present.

On Monday a "Workers' Conference" was held and preachers of the denomination delivered addresses on "How Best to Give Aid to the Support of the School." Other questions of importance came up for consideration and the following day the students of the college furnished a progra mfor the visitors.

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A large crowd was present last Sunday night at the Church of Our Merciful Savior, Eleventh and Walnut streets, to hear the choral society of the church sing a number of anthems. Solos were sung by Miss Lauretta Dodd and Dr. William Ballard. Rev. Leroy Ferguson made a few announcements and for the most part the services were musical. The Episcopal church had been having the choral societies ever since Mr. Tibbs has been organist of the church and they are proving quite a benefit in every way.

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The mid-year commencement of the Central High School occurred last week at the Methodist church. A very large crowd was present. Alexander Morris, one of the leading colored business men in the city, delivered the address of the evening. He spoke on the subject "On the Great Big Busy World; How Best to Meet Its Conditions." It was a fine address and showed great preparation and study. Diplomas were awarded to Henrietta Hammond, Goldie Hammond, Katherine Bell Brown, Charles Cook, Sherman Cox, Lauretta Dickerson, Georgia Lancaster, John Moody, Robert Morris and Caroline Pennebaker. Dr. I. N. Bloom, president of the School Board, presented the diplomas.

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Grand Master George W. Saffell, of the District Grand Lodge of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, was in the city last week and spoke to the eight lodges, Households, Patriarchs and Councils, at the Odd Fellows' Hall, Thirteenth and Walnut street. Brother Wallace Robinson acted as master of ceremonies. William H. Ward, president of the consolidated lodges and one of the oldest and most active members of the Odd Fellows in this city, delivered the address of welcome.

Grand Master Saffell in his address spoke of the progress of the colored Odd Fellows and said that they were the strongest numerically and financially of any secret organization in America. He made a request of the Odd Fellows of this city to send more delegates to the District Grand Lodge and the B. M. C. After the address the Grand Master was driven to the handsome and commodious cafe of A. H. Crutchfield on Walnut street, between Ninth and Tenth. The beautiful dining-room was tastily decorated with flowers and ferns and emblems of the order. Covers were laid for twenty and Wallace Robinson, a very pleasing speaker, acted as toastmaster. The supper was served in courses, and during the speeches many thoughtful remarks were made in the interest of the order and the race.

The representative of THE FREEMAN was called on to speak and tried to show the necessity of the Odd Fellows having a journal of their own to disseminate their news and opinions. He said that it would be helpful at all times to get the higher and brighter side of Negro life and the progress of the order in the daily papers. Grand Master Saffel arose and spoke of the necessity of such a connection with the District Grand Lodge and urged the Odd Fellows present to begin to look forward to something in this direction.

Mr. Saffel also praised the Odd Fellows of this city for being so well represented at the last B. M. C. and urged them to send more at the next one. Captain A. H. Crutchfield, of Patriarch Lodge No. 101, made a speech that captivated his hearers. He told in an earnest manner how his company was going to carry off the honors at the next District Grand Lodge and also that when the next regiment of Patriarchs are called together, his company would take off the prize. Mr. Crutchfield is proprietor of the Keystone Cafe and he urged his Odd Fellow friends to patronize his business.

James H. Black in a happy manner delivered a short but pointed address, as did Col. B. P. Bell, Joseph Bowles, Basil Pierce Doc Matthews, J. W. Russell, Walter Williams, C. H. Duncan, G. W. Young, Judge Clark, W. D. Robinson, Nathan Kennedy, Thomas Philipps, Bert Dodge, and James E. Hall.

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The Pekin Quintette of Chicago was in the city last week with the National Canners' Association. Two nights they were at the Pekin Cafe, Tenth and Walnut streets. They furnished some of the best music ever heard in that cafe, and it came from Messrs. Sam T. Arnold, manager; Emmett Tapley, Richard Larkins, Hemison Bowens and W. M. Cole.

On February 22, the cafe will be started again with Tom Cole as manager. He will endeavor to have some of the best music in the city at the cafe.

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Green Saffell, one of the best friends of THE FREEMAN in the city, stated to us Monday when the seats went on sale for the Williams & Walker show, that the manager of the Masonic Theatre, Mr. Weber, was going to take particular pains in seeing that the colored clientele is well cared for during the week of Feb. 22.

Mr. Saffell is the head man at the theatre and is seeing that everything will be done to gratify the wishes of the Masonic patrons. The seats went on sale last Monday and the line was a half block in length before 9 o'clock. It lasted throughout the day.. People of this city who wish seats had better get them at once. Mr. and Mrs. Saffel expect company from Frankfort during the week of the Williams & Walker engagement.

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A very beautiful informal reception was given last week at the charming home of Mrs. Richard Oliver, 1200 West Chestnut street, in honor of Mrs. Blanch Hughes of Maud, Ky. A lunch was served and also punch and ices. Those present were: Mesdames John Watson Cooper, Daniel Lawson, W. M. Brown, F. S. Delaney, C. W. Housers, Woody Welch, J. E. Emmerson, Albert Hathaway, Myra Fitzbutler Denison, Chicago, William Shipley, William Moses, Dora Thomas, Misses Spratt Brown, Petolia Penn, Prima Fitzbutler, Ida Clark and Lottie E. Bevers.

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Miss Jennie Alexander has returned to the city. She was called to the funeral of her 8-year-old nephew, Guy W. Smith.

Miss May Ella Oglesby of Indianapolis, Ind., is in the city visiting.

Mrs. Jordan, Misses Maud Wright and Clara Frank are working this week as clerks at the Douglass Building.

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The "Never Run Dry" Club will give an entertainment at the Frontenac Hall, Feb. 22. This club gives annual affairs and they usually draw large crowds. Williams and Walker will be invited to this dance.

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John Wicliff, one of this city's best trap drummer players, is doing some good work in this city. Mr. Wicliff has traveled extensively and sends best regards to his many friends.

The Waiters' and Cooks' Alliance will give a grand Martha Washington ball on Monday night, Feb. 22, at Odd Fellows' Hall, Thirteenth and Walnut streets. The committee is composed of the following members: W. H. Thomas, James L. Carr, H. S. Roseborough, W. H. Alexander, Chas. W. Watts, F. Hapwood, Daniel Powell, chairman.

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Mrs. Lee Starks, 217 West Kentucky street, has been confined to her home for two weeks with a severe illness.

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The grandmother of Miss Anna Bell Carr, 116 West Kentucky street, died last week at Shelbyville, Ky. Miss Carr was called to Shelbyville to attend the funeral and to look after her grandmother. Miss Carr was very much devoted to her grandparents and she is greatly admired for this attachment.

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The Dancing Academy, which meets every Thursday night at Odd Fellows' Hall, will give a reception for the Williams Walker company. This dancing school is one of the most up-to-date in the city and a large crowd is expected to be present.

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A Young Business Men's Club was temporarily organized Monday night at the tailor shop of Len Haley, 632 Eighth street. Cary B. Lewis was elected temporary president and Len Haley, secretary. The following young men will be asked to join the new organization, and with this number others will be urged: G. P. Hughes, Aaron Bassett, Victor Evans, A. B. McAfee, William Sanders, Prof. S. O. Johnson, Dr. Wilson Ballard, Eugene Mark, Dr. J. P. Purnell, F. H. Wilson, John McElroy, Robert McQuire, Dr. Merrid Blackburn, Prof. John Clark, Oscar Turner, W. H. Smith, B. Z. Akins, Will Thomas, J. T. Brown, Ed Lancaster, Will Shipley, Will Adams, Harry Jamison, A. H. Crutchfield, Dr. Robert Willis, J. P. Stumm, W. T. Offutt, Robert Hester and others.
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THE STAGE

A PIANOLOGUE DIALOGUE.

Says Rosamond J. to Robert C.:
I do not like this dialogue!
I don't see why you didn't give me
A tip on my pianologue.
Of what I've read it's plain to see
Your policies are on the hog.
I hope now, Bob, you're loyal to me—
That's what it means to be a Frog.
I can't understand this theory
Of raising such an awful fog.

Says Robert C. to Rosamond J.:
You don't need dance, you've got the gout;
Your pianologue inspires the play,
You're not compelled to cut it out.
The Legitimate Standard's here to stay;
My policies go up the spout—
I hardly know just what to say,
But comedy stars should dance and shout;
I think that I'll retire some day—
Leave off dancing and grow stout.

SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

Harry McCubbins of Baltimore, Md., is doing some good work as a ventriloquist.

Jack Shumaker, the successful manager of Williams and Walker, was a caller at The Freeman Tuesday afternoon.

Henry Troy, Elnora Wilson and Marie Freeman, of the Williams and Walker company, were callers at The Freeman this week.

Nash and Nash have just closed at the Lyceum Theatre, Pittsburg, and left the audiences screaming at every show. Regards to the Brinklys.

The A[illegible]tes, Billy and Gracie, continue to delight English audiences and will probably return to the States about June 1. Regards to all friends.

The Amusement Theater at Memphis, Tenn., is the talk of the town. Eugene Clark is putting on an act that is a scream. The leading artists are H. Love and wife, Hicks and Ford.

Sam Shelton, the classic singer and entertainer of Galveston, Tex., is doing fine in vaudeville, filling a ten weeks' engagement in Pittsburg. Regards to S. H. Dudley and the Smart Set and all friends.

McDuff, band leader with Culligan's Nashville Students, reports washouts, landslides and cancelled dates. Came nto Santa Barbara and showed week of Jan. 24, making "over good" at the Santa Barbara Theatre. Marvelous Lashe has fully recovered from the operation for tumor on his head and is doing his wire act and singing "Silver Threads Among the Gold." Billy Mitchell and wife send regards to Eugene Clark. He is singing "Who? Me?" with three and four encores. Walter Lyons says hello Billy King. Little John Venie is making good with his cornet solos. Wm. Roberson, orchestra leader, sends regards to Reid. Hene Collins and wife closed yesterday on account of sickness of the former. McDuff says hello Jeff Smith, Pearl Moppin and all Denver boys.

AIDA OVERTON WALKER NOT IN INDIANAPOLIS.

In answer to the question, was Aida Overton Walker with the company in this city this week? we will say that on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Walker did not appear in "Bandana Land" at the Park Theatre, Feb. 8, 9, 10, but was en route to New York with her mother.

THE FLORIDA BLOSSOMS.

The Florida Blossoms closed a very successful season in Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 25 and 26. This company has made a reputation that any manager can be proud of. They have been met by an appreciative audience wherever they have appeared, and leaving them, as usual, saying our show was the cleanest and best on the road, and inviting us to come again. In Jacksonville when we closed, our tent could not hold the people. The people were very eager to witness a performance of the Florida Blossoms show. It was all the management could do to avoid a stampede. The show will be in winter quarters for about two months, getting everything in readiness to open their fourth annual season. Would like to hear from Henry Wooden, Cairo, Ill.

CULLIGAN'S NASHVILLE STUDENTS.

L. McDuff, band leader of Culligan's Nashville Students, reports showing Long Beach, Cal., at the Byde-a-While Theatre during the week of Feb. 1. We are billed in Los Angeles at the People's Theatre next week. Harvey Hall and his gold trombone have recently joined the show, jumping from Victoria, B. C. Mr. Roberson has given him charge of the orchestra. Roster at present: L. McDuff, band leader; John Venie and A. Hutt, cornets; Wm. Roberson and B. Adams, clarinets; A. Turner, alto; Geo. Wilson and H. Holland, trombones; P. Gant, tuba; Geo. Williams, snare drum; W. Lancaster, bass drum; Herbert Lashe, parade director and stage manager; W. Lyons and Billy Mitchell, walking gents and comedians; Martree Mitchell, Antoinette Shields and Marjorie Turner, are the ladies of the company. Best regards to friends everywhere.

ALLEN'S MINSTRELS.

We are still in the land of sunshine amidst the famous winter playgrounds. James Hamilton, our baritone vocalist, is scoring nightly singing "After All." "Speedy" Smith and Johnnie Lee in their one-act comedy entitled "Walking in Society" set the house screaming at each performance. R. O. Henderson, write. Paul Carter, singing and talking monologue comedian, was recently on the sick list. H. S. Smith, the veteran comedian and trombonist, is singing with great success "Ephraim Johnson Don't Live Here No More." He sends regards to Geo. Wilson, Hatter Garland, Chas. Beechum and the Nashville Students. "Speedy" Smith says Vance Lowry write. Master Clifton Boyd, our juvenile contortionist, is making good nightly; his agility is marvelous. Robert H. Gant sends regards to Irene Gaines and James Wolfscales.

Joe White of Jackson, Miss., is meeting with great success with his trap drumming. Pleas L. Jenkins sends regards to Reuben Harvey and Prof. W. L. Jackson.

MASONIC THEATER AT LOUISVILLE.

"East Lynne," which will be the attraction at the Masonic Theatre all next week commencing Monday matinee, is an old play, but it is one of the best emotional dramas ever written. Very often plays which have been before the public for fifty years or more are presented by an indifferent company, but this is not the case with the production Joseph King is bringing to the Masonic Theatre. The company is headed by Miss Avis Paige, is an exceptional one, and each charter is carefully chosen according to his or her fitness for the role assigned. Miss Paige is a young and attractive actress who began her stage career as a child prodigy of David Belasco's productions, which should be sufficient proof of her talent. Other members of the cast are Misses True Powers, Ruth Emerson, Clara Lane and Lillian Ross, who takes the well-known part of "Little Willie," and is said to be a wonderful child actress. Frank Holland is the leading man, and the remaining characters are taken by John Dailey, Benedict Brown, Arthur Snyder, Earl Walker and Ed O'Connor.

"East Lynne" is a highly emotional story about a woman's wrongs, a favorite dramatic vehicle. "Lady Isabel," the role assumed by Miss Paige, is married to Archibald Carlyle, the part assigned to Mr. Holland. Though in love with her husband, Lady Isabel is insanely and unjustly jealous of Barbara Hare, a lifelong acquaintance of Archibald. Sir Francis Livison, the villain, induces her to leave her husband and afterward deserts her. Remorseful, she gains entrance to her former husband's home as a French governess and finds much solace in the care of her children. The death of her eldest child, however, undermines her own health and the famous deathbed scene discloses her identity, and with her husband's forgiveness she passes away.

LINCOLN THEATER, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

The musical comedy presented this week at this popular playhouse was no doubt one of the best attractions yet offered. The show was one of those jolly vivacious excepts of comedy that only a strong organization like the Lincoln Stock Company are able of handling. We beheld the ever favorite comedian Salem Tutt Whitney in a real genuine tramp role, which, by the way, could not be excelled even by such topnotchers as Nat Wills and our own Bob Cole, who are reputed to be the greatest tramp comedians of the present day. Mr. Whitney was ably assisted by Sam Gardner, who can always be relied upon to be fully up to the standard in any part entrusted to him.

We were also agreeably surprised in seeing a new character enacted that we are sure there are few if any of them among our race, and that was the Hebrew role by W. A. Baynard. We have seen David Warfield and many others, and don't hesitate in saying that Mr. Baynard has every movement and action peculiar to the Jew, and should have a bright future should he care to cultivate his talent in this direction.

Homer Tutt fully sustained the title of his song "Neat Ned, Nuf Sed." That his costumes are legion, goes without saying.

Miss Nettie Taylor and Miss Mabel Brown came in for a lion's share of the applause by their clever acting and singing.

Mrs. Mamie Gardner, as "Danny the Kid," was indeed fine, and good judgment was displayed in giving this young lady such juvenile parts.

Taken as a whole, the show was very entertaining, the music being especially beautiful and catchy. Every one seems to be bent on following the crowd on the opening night, and unless you give your order for seats early, you are sure to be left, for it is quite desirable that the elites of Knoxville turn out in full force.

PEKIN STOCK COMPANY.

Robert T. Motts, owner and manager of the Pekin Theatre, Chicago, wishes to announce that the Pekin Stock Company will include Harrison Stewart, Jerry Mills, Chas. Gilpin, Lawrence Chenault, Lottie Grady, May White, Pearl Brown, Nettie Lewis and J. Ed Green as producer and managing director. Marion A. Brooks, adapter.

The opening has been deferred to the 22d in "The Pet Dog," an adaptation of the English farce "Confusion," adapted by Marion A. Brooks.

BLACK AND JONES.

Perry Black of the well-known team of Black & Jones, eccentric dancing comedians, has closed a successful season over the Orpheum circuit and, accompanied by his wife, will play a long-promised visit to his relatives in Louisville, Ky., where he will rest for two weeks before he resumes his tour of the Cole Castle circuit, which will be completed by the last of March, when the team will sail for England, where they are booked solid for three months.

Lew Jones' wife paid him a visit while the team was playing at the Majestic and Haymarket Theatres, Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were entertained by Mrs. Jones of Memphis, Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. Black were entertained by Mr. Spiller and Mr. Patterson of the Five Musical Spillers, who were then playing at the Olympic Theatre.

Messrs. Black and Jones send regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

WOMEN IN BANDANNA LAND.

By DOROTHY.

Nearly three years have passed since we had the pleasure of meeting the women of the much-heralded company of Williams & Walker. Many changes have been made, as is customary in these shows; but it is the same old story, struggling for a living and honors if possible. It is quite a disappointment that Mrs. Walker was unable to fill the engagement here, but out of all that seems bad comes good to some one. Her absence gave another young woman an opportunity to appear in her role, and so well did she play the part that many were not even aware that she was not Mrs. Walker. We remember Mrs. Walker as a very charming woman, intellectual, and whose every move was grace itself. She did not find it necessary to be claiming that other than Negro blood flowed through her veins, and made herself very popular with the public. On the other hand, she was rather proud that the brown was much in evidence and that no controversy whatever would arise as to what race she belonged to. As one writer has so fittingly said, "Aida Overton Walker is a prize."

Mrs. Williams has given up the stage and remains at home. While no doubt it is a terrible trial for Mr. Williams to be without her companionship and encouragement that is so delightful from those who form a part of our very existence, he will doubly appreciate her presence in the home when the season's strenuous work is over.

Mrs. Hattie McIntosh, the widow of Tom McIntosh, continues to merit much praise in her work, and her appearance is most pleasing. The stage, its snares and hardships, have dealt lightly with her and she is looking extraordinarily well.

Muriel Ringgold will be remembered in the company of "Rufus Rastus" and was a great favorite. For some time she was off the stage on account of illness caused by overwork, but now she returns with good health and the same ambition and perhaps more, for after suffering do we not feel that we must work harder and strive more, since we have been spared for some purpose? She feels so grateful to know that she had so many real friends who assisted her in various ways.

Marguerite Ward has been seen in this city with the "Smart Set" company and also the Cole & Johnson aggregation. She is a hard worke rand has fond hopes of being one of the topnotchers in the amusement world. Her ideal is Mrs. Walker, not because she is a member of her company, but the first time that I met her with the "Smart Set" company she talked of Mrs. Walker incessantly. Everything that was right, to her mind, must have Mrs. Walker's approval. When told that she was missed in the Cole & Johnson show, for it seeemd that she should be in the "turn" with Edgar Connor and Daisy Brown, she lapsed into silence, for perhaps she thought so too, but must not say so. However, she does her very best wherever found. A pretty story is often told of her in rhyme by one of her admirers that has been an inspiration when success seemed a long way off.

Minnie Brown, the girl of the golden West, who would not for one moment entertain even a thought of failure, is again with the company in a better role, which was given her on account of her good work and not by any special favor. Miss Brown has the open and gracious manner characteristic of the Western girl and is a favorite with everybody.

The other girls with the company are Ada Banks, Elnora Wilson, Maggie Davis, Marie Freeman, Bessie Vaughn, Ida Day, Bessie Brady, Katie Jones, Lavinia Rogers, Ada Guiguesse, Jennie Ringgold, Misses Clough, Jordan, Bluford, Ellis, Payne, Fowler, Martin, Bush, Harris, Johnson, Cooper, Sepp and Clark.

There are no particular traits that are different from girls of other companies and women of other professions. Some are ambitious; others are satisfied to simply draw each week's salary, and so on it goes. This part of the working army is simply marching in the self-same paths where other feet have trodden.

PITTSBURG SHOW SHOP.

By JASSIMINE.

Everything is going along nicely on the Avenue and the weather has been fine for some time. The vaudeville houses are doing big business, as both have been presenting real good bills.

Manager Martin of the Lyceum has enlarged his orchestra and the music is now much better than it has been.

Coleridge Taylor's "Death of Minnehaha" was presented by the Northside Choral Society of this city at Carnegie Music Hall last week, and was a tremendous success. Joseph Rodgers Walker, the conductor, proved himself to be an artist of rare ability, and received great praise for his work. The soloists of the evening were Miss Hattie Goins, soprano; John E. Lain, baritone, and Foster O. White, pianist, and all did exceedingly well. Miss Goins was in fine voice and was heartily applauded. Mr. Lain was also in excellent voice and was forced to respond to numerous encores. Mr. Lain, besides being an excellent singer, is a composer of no mean ability, having written several very pretty songs now being published by the Western Publishing Co., and is also the composer of the music to "Uganda," the pretty cantata which was rendered some time ago by the Western School of Music. Foster O. White, pianist, proved to be the star of the evening. His work as accompanist to the soloists was highly commented upon by both white and colored, and his solos were rendered in such an excellent manner that he was called back again and again.

Howard Hagan, the drap drummer, is now located at the Lyceum Theatre and has proved to be a valuable addition to the orchestra.

A. Guy Truley, the trap drummer with Robinson's Symphony Orchestra, who has been on the sick list, is again able to resume his duties.

The First Brigade Band, K. of P., is getting ready to give its first concert of the year. The band is now and has been for some time under the direction of Prof. Harry C. Waters, and bids fair to become one of the foremost organizations of its kind in the country.

Sam Levinson, erstwhile manager of the Fulton Theatre, has been on the sick list but is again able to resume his duties.

A professional matinee was given Friday afternoon, Jan. 29, at the Fulton Theatre, for the "In Old Kentucky" bunch. The following artists appeared: Robert Johnson & Co., Allen and Williams, Miss Mary Baker, Newton Green, Willie Norville and Miss Daisy Bowen.

THE LYCEUM. This house offers a fair bill this week, headed by Nash and Nash, sketch artists, who did fair. Both have very good voices and would do better in a singing and dancing turn, where Mr. Nash could refrain from the use of burnt cork. Next came Charles Stinson, "the banjo king," who more than made good. Mr. Stinson is an exceptionally clever musician and knows just what to give his audience and how much. A white musical act, illustrated songs and moving pictures completed a very good bill.

THE FULTON. This house offers a very good bill this week, headed by the Brinkleys, who are playing a return engagement, and they took the house by storm. Their talk is good and their songs are new and up-to-date. Mrs. Brinkley's rendition of the "Jungletown" song and the dancing of Mr. Brinkley was far above the average. This act was followed by Robert Bacon, "the flying juggler," who presented a very new act and was well received. Then came Dot Wilson, a white singing and dancing soubrette, who did well. R. G. Baker in illustrated songs and moving pictures closed an excellent bill. The orchestra seemed to have an off night, and for a while things looked critical, but they soon settled down to their work and, as usual, sent the audience away well satisfied.

INDIANAPOLIS HAS SEEN "BANDANA LAND."

Williams & Walker Show Goes Big.

To say that the theater-goers of this city were anxious to see what Williams and Walker had to present this season puts it mildly. That combination has long since enjoyed a good reputation here. The presentation of two seasons ago, "Abyssinia," was considered a great success, adding much to the reputation of individuals and to the aggregation. "Abyssinia" was a brilliant show. Will the much-talked-of "Bandanna Land" equal it? was the question that was being asked generally before the company appeared this season. And now, since the company has gone, the question is being asked, Did this year's presentation equal that of two years ago? This question may be answered by both no and yes. These answers, of course, follow the analysis of both shows.

Many expected to see a well-defined play, with a plot, denouement, restoration, as plays go. The tendency has been in that direction within recent years with the better known colored shows, in the meanwhile sacrificing but little of vaudeville or specialty phase. Those looking to see the drama idea enlarged, of course, were disappointed, for the show in that respect hung together by the merest thread. The most that may be said of the "plot" is that one "Skunkton Bowser," a simple-minded Negro, fell heir to considerable money. Just about this time a company of Negroes had been formed for various purposes along the line of real estate investment, in which company "Bowser's" money was turned to good account through the ingenuity of his friend and guardian, "Bud Jenkins." "Skunkton Bowser" is Bert Williams, "Bud Jenkins" is George Walker. The realty company, made up of a goodly number of the men, is known as the "T. S. C. R. Co."

The show opens with a scene on "Amos Simmons'" place, and which is the property the corporation desires to purchase in pursuance of the purpose to make a pleasure park for the colored people. In view of the corporation's intention, "Simmons'" place is tendered for the meetings. "Simmons," who is Alex. Rogers, is a most genial host. He readily and most agreeably acts his part as a farmer in easy circumstances. It will be hard to conceive of the part being done better. The same is equally true of Hattie McIntosh, who took the part of Sophie Simmons. This scene, which also includes the meeting of the "corporation," is admirable throughout.

The meeting is a very amusing piece of business, striking off real life as it is sometimes known in Negro business companies, and with a faithfulness that was striking. At the finale of a little set-to among the members was an exhortation on the part of the preacher for peace, harmony, brotherly love and so forth, done in comic opera style. This led up to a male chorus which was grand. To see and hear this miscellaneous group at this point was worth something. Scarcely has pipe organ sent forth a richer blend of tones. This phase of the show will not be bettered very soon.

"Susie Simmons," a daughter of "Amos" and "Sophie," was on the bills as Aida Overton Walker; but it was not the lithe and graceful Aida; who she was is not known to us, but she was any one else excepting the Bronzed Fairy—Aida. She was short, stocky, stout of limbs—but she was there. She made good; she knew no handicap when she got to going; she made a clean hit with the audience in her song, "Kinky." Those assisting her, Misses Jones, Brady, Davis, Day, Vaugh and Ward, were pleasing and helped to make the little skit a particular bright spot in the presentation.

Muriel Ringold, who appears as "Cynthia," is perhaps the best all-round dancer on the Negro stage. In her own peculiar styles of dancing she will not be excelled. The audience was quick to see what she could do, and insisted on her doing very much of it.

Bert A. Williams, "Skunkton Bowser," has a greater range of activity than he had in the former play. He showed up to much better advantage, proving he was the actor his reputation had declared him to be. Williams takes to the pantomimic side, in which respect he is wise; he gets most excellent results—speaking of applause as such—and in the meanwhile the wear and tear is not nearly so great. In the latter part of his work he got in considerable action and talk. His talks go particularly big because he gave evidence in the beginning of not being much of a talker. Then to see him grow loquacious, and in his droll style, it was simply irresistible. He is happy in striking off characters that are unique, distinct, yet a faithful portrayal of the conceived type and which is met with in the race—but not every day. One never tires of seeing "Skunkton Bowser;" he is in demand; the audience wants to know a great deal of him; wants to see him do everything he can do. When it is said that the audience yelled when Williams went off the stage it will be quite sufficient to show how he was regarded.

"Bud Jenkins," by George W. Walker, is cleverly done. As guardian for "Bowser," he manages to feather his own nest, at times very much to the chagrin of "Bowser." His "Bon-Bon Buddie" stunt is one of the big hits of the show. This characterization is right along Walker's line. He does a neat dancing turn in the spotlight and makes a run on the recalls. In his coaching of "Bowser" he shows excellent actor qualities. His voice for agreeableness, his expressions for finish, his eloquence when he chose to be so, together with his gracefulness as dancer, have given him the place he holds on the stage to-day. It is not too much to say that the two, Williams and Walker, hold the place they deserve to hold among the stage people of America.

"Fred Collins," the character by Henry Troy, was neatly done. "Collins" was secretary of the corporation, in which capacity he made quite a hitfl Troy, however, will be best remembered as a soloist, a tenor of merit and of the highest register. His highest tones easily merge into a beautiful alto; he makes them with ease, apparently. "In My Old Home," the song sang by Troy, was well received by the audience. But it seems as if he never will get a song to take fully the place of "Consolation." The song writers have tried hard to find a successor to that beautiful song. So far they have not succeeded. Troy's voice and spiritual makeup call for the very sentimental or the sacred; he would really be best in sacred songs. His voice is sympathetic, excites the emotional through its plaintiveness and that peculiar childish sweetness that finds favor with every one.

"Sandy Turner," the part by John Loubrie Hill, met with the favor of the audience as president of the corporation. In that capacity he found much to do in conducting the meetings; it called on his ingenuity, which he displayed with credit. He showed versatility.

The minuet, led by J. A. Ship, was pretty, dainty, antique. The maids of ye olden times were attired in the quaint costumes of an earlier day, when hoop-skirts of generous girth prevailed, silken outer skirts with plenteous furbelows and flounces. Ship was a reminder of Washington when he led the Revolutionary period ladies and gentlemen in the stately minuet. The men were also appropriately costumed. The whole was a very pretty picture, and taking.

"Angelina Diggs" made a happy hit as teacher in the county schools and president of the "E. L. B. H. Society."

Most of the music of the company was especially prepared for it, consequently reflected great credit on colored composers, who, for the most part, did it. All of the music was under the direction of the well-known Will Marion Cook, composer, and James J. Vaughn. Cook is of good musical ability, much evidence of which was seen through the various renditions. "Red, Red Rose" was prettily sang, and done, one might also say, since a bit of acting goes with it; it was a very pretty hit. Minnie Brown led the song. "Tired of Eatin' in de Restaurant," by Bert Williams, was one of the chief hits of the presentation; the audience couldn't get enough of him. His "Drinking" was great. The "Corn Song," sang at the opening by Ida Banks and chorus, was a good one. Miss Banks has a very pleasing voice; she could sing in more ambitious roles. The chorus work as a whole was not of the same class as that of two years ago, nor was it so high-class throughout as that of the "Red Moon." The "Red Moon" came very nearly being an operatic production, where the light "serious" had equal place with the comic. This is one of the reasons that some think better of the "Red Moon;" it was showy in song. The audiences of the Williams and Walker combination tested the capacity of the house, proving that these people are yet in high favor. The singing of Lloyd G. Gibbs was particularly notable.

Others of the company who had more or less prominent places were: James E. Lightfoot, Sterling Rex, James M. Thomas, Matt Housley, H. B. Guillaume, G. Henry Tapley, H. H. Williams, Charles B. Foster, Angelo Housley, Charles Hall, Arthur Payne, L. H. Saulsbury, J. P. Reid, Walter Hilliard, J. F. Moores, J. J. Scroggins, W. Moulton, W. H. Chapelle, William H. Tyers, Mord Allen, Misses Clough, Jordan, Blueford, Ellis, Payne, Fowler, Young, Guigesse, Martin, M. Brown, L. Brown, Bush, Banks, Harris, Williams, King, Johnston, Cooper. The company played to a tremendous business at the Park Theater Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Monday and Wednesday matinees. The audiences were well mixed, about one-half being white people. They did not forget to give vent to their feelings.

YES! DAHOMEY!

By JULI JONES.

The dear old Stroll! What's more, it's going to put all the seaside resorts to be known as past history. I guess everybody understands the above. The black and white way has had its own troubles ever since Williams & Walker came to town. This, combined with the cracy weather we've had, there's no telling how much harm has been done. One thing, two of the nickel-in-the-slot houses closed up shop for a while, the Lincoln and the Casino. It is rumored that Malvy will take the Lincoln back again. It looks as though he used its late angel manager for the "fall guy." The Grand has caused all the trouble by giving the public what it demands, namely, a high-class bill, and has never attempted to cut down, regardless of the weather or hard times; in fact, the house has made business for the others. The way things stand now in Dahomey, every house is a 10-cent affair. The Washington and the Monogram are the other two. All are giving full measure, but wait till the good old summer time, will you! Things are at a fever heat here about this time. The down-town district is all decorated in high style in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. But Dahomey is going everybody one better. A contract has been let with one of the leading paint firms for 200,000 gallons of paint of three different colors, red, white and blue, and ever house in Dahomey will be painted in the national colors. Oh, what a time!

Things for the spring season look very bright. General J. Ed Green of the strayed-away-from-home Pekin army, is back in camp and reorganizing his gallant blacks and will drill them to attack Farce Comedy. Captain Harrison Stewart and Lieutenant Jerry Mills will have charge of the front. Major Lawrence Chenault has re-enlisted. The Red Cross sisters, Mae White, Nettie Lewis, Jennie Ringgold and the daughter of the regiment, Lottie Grady, have volunteered their services. There will be some young blood in the regiment. This bit of news sounds good to Dahomey.

One good thing is about to come off. The vaudeville actors of Dahomey are to have a benefit at the Pekin Theatre. These youngsters have tried everything to pull their little organization up and put themselves in front of the public, but the harder they have tried the harder they have been knocked. It seems as if they have been knocked into favor. If they produce one-half of the bill they have arranged, it will be some show.

Number of Pekin theatres established up to date, thirty-three. They range from a 5-cent concern to a dollar house. That isn't bad, as we have the original right here in Dahomey.

DUDLEY WITH RUSSELL.

I read Sylvester Russell's playwright question and agree with him. Yes, we need more playwrights, and it's I who knows it. We also need stars to protect them and see that their plays are equipped and staged. I mean by that, not let the managers give them some old, worn-out costumes and an old back drop that some other show cannot use, etc., and expect the piece to make good. Stars must stand out to see that this is done.

The colored playwright makes a mistake when he tries to write for one comedian and tries to put similar scenes in for the same comedian that he saw in some show before. That is not want we want. We do want the goods to deliver. What I want is a vehicle full of catchy music, a bunch of pretty chorus girls, and a small but strong cast; I can't get one too strong to suit me. I am not afraid to let one display his or her ability; it saves me.

I have received a number of letters asking about my new play for next season. I don't know as yet what I will play next season, for the new show that J. Ed Green has been working on for me will not go on until every detail has been looked after, as I said above. Do you see the point? I don't mean to come back next year with these costumes cleaned and dyed and this scenry all painted and rebuilt and claim it is a new book by J. Ed Green with all the same old work and lines of this show. I mean to keep "Patrick" (the mule) with me; he is signed for life, and the horse also.

I have lost a lot of money and worried myself sick over a new show, and now if my manager does not equip and put this show out as I think it ought to be, I'm sorry to say that the public will have to see me next season in some more "hash." I mean by that some old afterpiece renewed by some white man who knows nothing about the characteristics of the Negro; but he may be a dandy writer for white shows. I know you see the point now. I have been asked why don't I refuse to play such plays. My contract with the present management compels me to play such plays as the manager selects for me, and I am a featured star. The coming season is my last under the present contract. So, after all, the public will have a chance to see what I have lost so much rest over, and what Mr. Green has been staying up so late at night for.

S. H. DUDLEY.

THE PEKIN AT NORFOLK, VA.

The Pekin Theatre is the talk of the town at Norfolk, Va. The S. R. O. sign is out every night and at nearly every performance. Mr. Moseley, the manager, has secured for a four weeks' engagement Miss Grace Delaney and Miss Rose Wellman of "The Creole Slaves" company. They opened Wednesday night, Feb. 3, and they are both cleaning up. Miss Delaney is singing "Dat Lovin' Rag" and "Yiddish Cowboy." She receives three and four encores at every performance. Miss Wellman is singing "Jungletown" and "Won't You Play Dat Rag?" In fact everybody is going wild over these two soubrettes.

The male team is Copeland & Orr in their knockabout skit, introducing the famous double buck and wing dance. Then comes C. W. Moseley's own roaring afterpiece, entitled "A Trip to the Inauguration." The show closes with the world's greatest moving pictures.

The Pekin is destined to be the most popular theatre in Virginia for colored patrons, as the colored people are tired of being "Jim Crowed" and are demonstrating it by the way they flock to the Pekin. Mr. Moseley, the manager, will leave no stone unturned in his efforts to give them a stronger bill each week until he reaches the top of the ladder. This week's bill is a very good one. Would be glad to hear from all friends in and out of the profession.

AMERICAN JUBILEE SINGERS AT KING CROSS.

Last evening, in connection with the King Cross Thursday Lecture Society, there was a good attendance at the U. M. School, when a concert was given by the American Jubilee Singers. J. H. Jowett, who presided, remarked upon the success of the lecture society's first session thus far, and expressed the belief that next session they would have a still greater number of friends purchasing season tickets. He explained that whilst on a visit to Menai Bridge last Wakes he met the Jubilee Singers, and on his recommendation they had been invited to King Cross. The company comprises six artists, a less number than the original Fisk University singers, whose successors they are. D. W. Brown, director, is the life and soul of the company, just as Mr. Loudin was the chief attraction with the old one. Many items on the program are the same as were popular years ago and still are. Whilst the Negro folk songs on this occasion were splendidly given, one could not help missing the powerful bass voice of Mr. Loudin, the old Negro, who made the "thunder" almost real. The visits of Mr. Loudin to Halifax will be well remembered by all who had the pleasure of hearing him.

The first item was a pretty religious song, "Steal Away," followed by the intonation of the Lord's Prayer. The artists have a wonderful voice control, and whilst singing softest they are undoubtedly the sweetest, a noteworthy feature being the clearness of notes and also of enunciation all the time. Two sopranos, Anna de Acklen and Ethel Mitchell McGee, have beautiful voices, the singing of "Bobolink" by the latter being especially good. W. Finley has a nice baritone voice, and his singing of a plantation melody, "Massa's in de Cold Ground," was effectively given with a vocal accompaniment in imitation of the banjo. Mr. Brown was splendid in the Negro songs and all the combined effects were a great success.

One Negro folk song, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," it was explained, was a favorite with the late Queen Victoria, and "in commemoration of that dear lady" it is never left off the Jubilee Singers' program. After a few comical items were greatly appreciated, these including the "Caliope" and a Chinese quartet, "Little Ah Cid." Pinsuti's pretty quartet, "Goodnight, Beloved," was exceedingly well sung as the concluding item.

The company will give other concerts at King Cross U. M. C. on Saturday evening. They are well worth hearing.—*Halifax Evening Courier*, Jan. 22, 1909.

THE FREEMAN POSTOFFICE

Notice.—Persons whose names appear in the following list will kindly send for mail, as the names will appear four times and then returned to writer or dead-letter office. It would prevent delay if all performers would send route from time to time and letter could be forwarded at once.

Gentlemen's List.

Akernon, J. E.
Bruce, W. A.
Barton, Geo. L.
Crosby, Goldie.
Cooper, John.
Lewis, Thos. J.
Hurdle, Otto.
Moore, Alonzo.
Weaver, Julius J.

Ladies' List.

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Fuller, Eva.
Schackleford, Frankie
Henderson, Katie.
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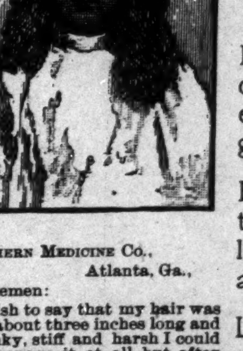

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Delivers Addresses to Great Crowds in Principal Cities.

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—The colored citizens of Oklahoma, because of restrictive mea[illegible] and discriminatory legislation, have been making an organized effort to protect themselves from the encroachment of that element in the State who are apparently opposed to the progress of the Negro citizens. An organization, headed by Hon. E. T. Barber, of El Reno, and others, secured the services of Register Vernon, who was met by a company of the most distinguished citizens of Oklahoma at Caldwell, Kans., in a private car, secured for the accommodation of the entire party. This aroused the interest of all Oklahoma, and from the beginning of the journey across the State and back again the Register and party were given an ovation. It was necessary at Hennessy, Okla., for Mr. Vernon to respond to the call for a rear-end speech, and the train pulled out amid the applause of the multitude gathered there.

Finally El Reno was reached, and a large crowd of citizens, white and black, met them at the train. The school children sang and marched through the streets, and the procession, to inspiring music, made their way to the place of meeting. That night the opera house was filled with people of both races. Representative citizens, headed by the mayor of El Reno, occupied prominent seats in the audience.

Register Vernon was entertained at the home of Lawyer Barber, and a delightful collation was served to the party, including the Register, President Enman Page, of Langston University, W. H. Jernagin and others.

Next day found the party on the road to Kingfisher, where, after a royal reception, all repaired to the court house, where federal officeholders and other leading citizens were eager to hear Mr. Vernon. Hon. E. O. Tyler, a distinguished attorney of this place, was the presiding genius on this occasion. Here Mr. Vernon delivered a speech to the business men and the farming element, so largely represented among our people.

From there they proceeded to Guthrie, the State capital, and were met by thousands at the station, preceded by the Langston University band, and marched through the streets of Guthrie, where a public reception was held. That night the leading opera house was filled from pit to dome with the citizens of the capital. Here the Register talked especially upon the necessity of giving equal rights to all citizens, regardless of race or color, making an appeal for fair play for his people.

After the speaking the special car proceeded to Coyle, and from there the party was transferred to Langston University, where the evening was spent. Next morning the students were assembled to hear the address of the Register and others. The car was transferred to the Santa Fe tracks, and by invitation Mr. Vernon and party called upon Governor Haskell, of the new State, and discussed with him matters affecting the race.

They then journeyed on to Oklahoma City, the metropolis of the State. That night thousands were present to hear Mr. Vernon, who especially encouraged the people of the new State to remain in Oklahoma, despite discouragements at the present time. The great meeting in convention hall was followed by a banquet, given to the entire party.

The private car was then transferred to the Katy track and proceeded to Muskogee, the haven for Negroes in the new State. Here they were met by Hon. A. G. W. Sango and a committee of prominent citizens, who conducted the party to the place of meeting. A large audience filled Sango's Opera House that evening, where it was said by those present that Mr. Vernon surpassed all his previous efforts. The gentlemen in the party accompanied Mr. Vernon to Parsons, Kans., returning to their homes in the State, while he left to visit the institution at Quindaro, and to be present at the Lincoln memorial exercises in the capital of his State. Judge Twine introduced Mr. Vernon at Muskogee. Banker Johnson gave a dinner for him. The entire trip was made without a hitch. Mr. Edward McDaniels, a progressive Negro railroad contractor, having in charge the transportation facilities and being in charge of the car, was in the company.

Mr. Vernon's trip to the State has been a source of inspiration to the people of the new State. It has served to bring about a better relationship between the races. It is felt that the white people of prominence and the colored people will be enabled to reach a better understanding as a result of his speeches. Oklahoma is a State of wondrous possibilities and Negroes of progressive spirit have gathered here.

It is unanimously agreed that this great ovation throughout the State is but in keeping with the things for which he stands, together with his intelligence, intellect and recognized ability, and Oklahoma is indebted to him for his services.

While in Muskogee Register Vernon was the guest of Hon. A. G. W. Sango. Among those present in the party were: President I. E. Page, A. A. Henderson, C. A. Buchanan, H. W. Conrad, John W. Capers, C. T. Talliaferro, J. F. Hirsh, M. C. Claibron, Fred McNeal, J. W. Stewart, T. N. Hayes, William Harrison, E. E. McDaniel, T. Traylor, R. Dungee, E. O. Tyler, J. A. Rouce, A. G. W. Sango, W. H. Twine, Jno. Crowell, Wesley McGill, R. M. Strothers and Thos. Morton.

SHELBYVILLE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Last Sunday Rev. James Allen, pastor of the Second M. E. Church, preached an excellent sermon. The church will give special exercises on the 14th in honor of Lincoln's centennial...Miss Nannie Hill of Cleveland, O., is the guest of Miss Martha Duke of East Locust street...Last Sunday evening Rev. Henry W. Jones, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, preached an excellent sermon, his subject being "She Hath Done What She Could." Rev. Jones has purchased a tract of land in the country, upon which he is having constructed a six-room cottage. A. B. Russell has the contract for plastering Rev. Jones' cottage...The missionary ladies of the Second Baptist Church will give a folk lore concert of home talent in honor of Abraham Lincoln's centennial birthday, Feb. 12, 1909. The concert is under the direction of W. G. Hines...The public schools all over the city will celebrate Lincoln's anniversary on Friday, Feb. 12, 1909. Prof. Lewis, principal of school No. 2, has made out a splendid program to be rendered by the pupils. All the old soldiers are requested to be present...Mrs. Campbell gave a reception Monday evening last at the Second M. E. Church in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Washington, whose marriage occurred about three months ago. The program was as follows: Duet, Miss Ward and Mrs. Allen; solo, Mrs. Helen Grant; duet, Mr. and Mrs. Washington; solo, Mrs. Greathouse; quartet, by bride's attendants.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Knights of Pythias Brigadier General Duffy Donifer, of Fort Worth, Tex., visited Dallas and inspected Oriental Company No. 15 and Pride of the West No. 4 drill teams, Wednesday night, at their armory, 566 Main street, in the presence of many acting and past chancellors of the five lodges of the city. General Donifer was accompanied by several of his staff officers and aides of the State, who assisted in the installation of the officers of the two companies, after which light refreshments were served to all by members of the two companies. Toasts were responded to by all. A new line of work was planned for the members and officers....Mrs. J. W. Robinson passed away Friday morning, which was quite a shock to her many friends and acquaintances all over the city. In life she was a model of piety, a church worker and a loving wife. She leaves a mother, brother, sisters, husband and many friends to mourn her death. The funeral services were held at St. James A. M. E. Church, under the auspices of Queen Thelma Court of Calanthe. The pallbearers were past chancellors of St. Luke Lodge No. 1, and the Masonic lodges of this city, out of respect to the bereaved husband, who is a member of the K. of P. and A. F. and A. M. of the jurisdiction of Louisiana, with a membership at Lake Charles, La., Rev. Dr. White, pastor, officiating. The cortege was a large one and the casket was hidden with handsome floral offerings by friends of the family. Interment was at the new cemetery. W. E. Ewing, funeral director....Mrs. A. W. Thomas, of Oakland, Cal., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bolden, on Jilliott street....Joe Broomfield was called to the bedside of his sick mother in Waxahachie, this week. ....George English's mother, brothers and sisters were summoned to Waco to attend the last sad rites for a loving sister, this week....Mrs. Keys was paying the various Courts of Calanthe in this city their annual visit last week, and much good was accomplished by her visit at this time. She was royally entertained at the home of Mrs. Libbie Robinson, on Flora street, where covers were laid for twelve couple....Robert Winn had an operation performed this week. He is doing nicely....A Young Men's Civic Improvement Club is soon to be organized here, to reach those of the race who are never reached by the big ones....Mrs. R. D. King, of Queen City, was called to the bedside of her sister, at Santa Ana, this week....Mrs. M. C. Griffin made a visit to the Fort this week on business....The following officers were elected for the joint trustee board of the Knights of Pythias: C. C. Wiggans, president; Logan Wearns, vice president; Wm. L. Robinson, secretary; O. Gooden, chaplain; Coleman Hodge, treasurer; Jas. M. Tolbert, sergeant-at-arms; Jas. M. Overstreet, custodian of building.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

On the night of Jan. 29, St. Paul was visited by one of the most dangerous fires in its history. The fire broke out in the White House department store at Seventh and Cedar streets, and lashed into a terrific fury by a forty-mile shifting wind, completely gutted that building and did considerable damage to all the surrounding buildings. With the thermometer way below zero and the wind blowing strongly, burning debris belched forth from the roaring furnace and was hurled a considerable distance. The total loss is estimated at about $600,000...Negro gambling dens were discussed at the regular meeting of the Ministers' Association at the Y. M. C. A. A committee was appointed to confer with the mayor, and if this does not remedy the existing conditions, they will appeal to the courts... T. E. Franklin is suing the Pullman Palace Car Company to recover $55 which he claims was deducted from his wages from time to time during the past year. The case was brought up as a test case to find out whether or not the Pullman Company had a right to do this...Messrs. Arthur Jarrett, Charles Williams and William Joyner, all St. Paul boys, have taken up claims in North Dakota...The Social and Literary Club met last week with Mrs. Minnette Wolf. A large attendance was present and enjoyed a very excellent program...Hon. F. L. McGhee will deliver an address at the Lincoln celebration in Spokane, Wash., on Feb. 11. O. D. Claibourne, a former St. Paul boy, will have charge of the musical part of the program...Invitations ar eout for the twelfth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. William Christman...Mrs. Fannie Dodd Sears is a contributor to the *Sunday School Quarterly* of the National Baptist Publication Society of Nashville, Tenn...Mrs. Theresa Solomon will make her debut as a violin soloist as a testimonial to Allen French next week...Guilford C. Terry, an employe of the Union Depot Co. for a number of years, is a good example of energy and grit. He has a very nice residence on Sherburne avenue which he has just finished paying for. ...On Monday evening, Feb. 8, there will be a great debate at Pilgrim Baptist Church. The contestants will be representatives of St. James A. M. E. Church versus representatives of Pilgrim Baptist Church. They will discuss the subject "Should Southern Representation in Congress Be Reduced?"

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Samuel Stewart, Mrs. Robert Mackey, Mrs. Honesby, William Robert, George Lucas, James Gibson and Mrs. Hall are better...Misses Elizabeth Fountz, Edna Doggetts of Steubenville, O., are the guests of Mrs. Belle Ford...William Saunders will conduct one of his popular masquerade and skating parties Monday evening, Feb. 8, at the Auditorium rink. ...John Homes Sr. and Elizabeth Smith remain about the same...Mr. and Mrs. James Saunders have a fine son...Mr. and Mrs. Asby John entertained a whist party at their home Thursday...The members of the Chrysanthemum Club will meet at the home of Mrs. J. H. Ragland on Sycamore street Monday afternoon, Feb. 8...Mrs. Moses Janey of Fairmount street and the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hawkins and Wilson Walker of West Lake Crossing are ill...George Lewis is able to be out...Attorney Simpson of Akron was in the city Monday... The Tribe of Benjamin held a market at the Oak Hill Avenue Church Saturday. ...Rev. R. L. Thomas, at one time pastor of the Mahoning Avenue Baptist Church, who has a charge at Washington C. H., Ohio, preached a very able sermon at the Oak Hill Avenue Church Sunday evening, and he left for Washington C. H. Friday...Mrs. Scales of East Front street and Miss Callie Crosby of Walnut street are ill...The Optimistic Club will meet at the home of Misses Ethel and Velma Richardson Wednesday afternoon in regular session. The meeting was well attended...Mrs. Lewis of Holmes street left for the East Thursday morning.

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URBANA, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Malvina Waugh went to Springfield Thursday...Miss Lois Weaver, Mrs. Richard Stanhope, Mrs. Edward Hockins, Miss Essie Clark, won a sum in a piano contest...Mrs. Mack Craig and Mrs. Geo. Moss have been called home on account of the illness of their mother, Mrs. Richard Stanhope...The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. Baswell on Ward street...Mrs. Tabor and Mrs. Robert Burnett are improving...Mrs. Charles Downs is ill.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Wednesday evening of last week, at the residence of C. A. Ellis, 1417 East Monroe street, the Negro Business Men's League was organized. The meeting was previously called to meet at this place, and on this date a goodly number of interested men were out. Mr. E. W. Williams was chosen president; J. E. Thompson, corresponding secretary; E. L. Rogers, recording secretary; J. M. Grady, treasurer. The object of the league is to encourage business enterprises among our people and encourage the necessity of patronizing all colored enterprises, thereby giving more employment to our people out of the schools. All present spoke of the timeliness of the organization and its place. The next meeting was held Wednesday, February 10, at A. M. Williams' law office, 1024 East Washington street....One of the most pleasant affairs of the month was the Elks' dance, especially for those interested in dancing....Mr. J. Warren is much improved....Mr. Alexander, real estate man, of Chicago, is in the city, at the Capitol....The Lincoln centennial was highly entertaining....You can get a copy of The Freeman at the Denbar news stand....The Freeman for sale at 815 East Washington street, every day and Sunday.

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To the Sporting Editor:

ATLANTA, Ga., Special.—The first old line life insurance company to be financed and operated by Negroes has been granted a charter by Secretary of State Philip Cook. It is the Standard Life Insurance Company, with a capital stock of $200,000, and headquarters in Atlanta, and its incorporators are: J. O. Ross, David T. Howard, H. A. Rucker (collector of internal revenue), Lewis G. Watts, R. A. Holman, Thomas R. Slater, A. D. Howard, P. A. Chappelle, William Driskell and H. E. Perry, of Atlanta; F. J. Wimberly, of Gilmore; J. P. Davis and M. B. Morton, of Athens, and Emmet J. Scott, of Tuskegee, Ala.

The organization of this company is said to have grown largely out of the fact that in very few instances will the established old line life insurance companies accept risks upon the lives of Negroes, and usually only in the shape of high-priced endowment policies. The Standard will offer old line insurance to Negroes without discrimination, and it has, therefore, a large and valuable field.

It is estimated that the men named in the charter are worth, combined, over $300,000. Much of the stock, it is said, has already been subscribed. The company will have to deposit $100,000 with the State Treasurer for the protection of its policyholders, as is required in all cases of insurance companies chartered by the State.

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IN DEFENSE OF THE LATE EUGENE CRAWFORD.

There appeared in the "Short Flights" column of our issue of Jan. 30 this paragraph:

"The patrons of the 'black skin remover' who want to be turned white overnight may be warned by the report that Eugene Crawford, a very dark-skinned Negro of Canton, O., died from heart failure after undergoing a mysterious cuticle transformation which made him almost clear white; which leads us to remark, 'tis better to endure the skin we have than to take any long chances on others we know not of."

The following letter, which explains itself, comes from a friend of the deceased, which we are pleased to publish:

"MANSFIELD, O., Feb. 1, 1909.

"The Freeman Publishing Co.,
"Indianapolis, Ind.

"GENTLEMEN—Out of justice to my deceased friend Eugene Crawford, whose change in color has been causing so much comment, may I ask that the mistake printed in last week's paper be corrected?

"His condition was diagnosed by physicians as what medical science terms leucoderma or loss of pigment of the skin, characterized by the formation of white patches.

"The pigment of the skin disappears in round or oval spots so that white areas are formed.

"While these cases are rare, they are reported to develop among Caucasians as well as Negroes. The cause of the disease is held to be a disturbance of innervation and the failure of the spleen to perform its duties, so no 'patron of the black skin removers who wants to be turned white over night' need doubt the phraseology of that verse beginning 'Can the Ethiopian change his skin?'

"Mr. Crawford was a staunch race man, considering it no honor to be white, and greatly prefering his honest brown to that of Caucasian appearance.

"Yours for the race,
"GEO. W. BARKER."

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NOTICE OF CHATTEL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE.

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss.:
In the Circuit Court of Marion County, No. 17620.
Frank R. White, doing business as F. R. White, Tr., vs. Thomas S. Winters.
COMPLAINT TO FORECLOSE CHATTEL MORTGAGE.

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of February, 1909, said plaintiff filed the above entitled cause in said Court, for the foreclosure of a chattel mortgage, together with an affidavit showing the absence of defendant from the State of Indiana, for the purpose of avoiding service of summons. At is appearing from said affidavit that said defendant is a necessary party to said suit and that plaintiff has by indorsement on said complaint required said defendant, Thomas S. Winters, to appear in said Cout and answer or demur thereto on the 12th day of April, 1909.

Now, therefore, by order of said Court, the defendant, Thomas S. Winters, is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto at the calling of said cause on the 12th day of April, 1909, in said Court at the Court House in the City of Indianapolis, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in his absence.

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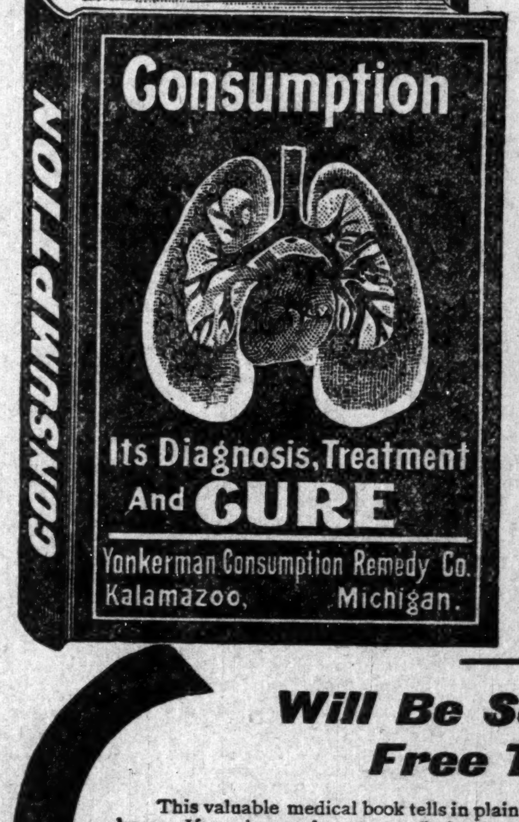
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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SCRAPS FROM THE SPORTING WORLD.

By Harry W. Jackson.

The French are going crazy over McVey.

Mayor Bookwalter is in favor of Sunday baseball.

Texas claims both Jack Johnson and Andrew ("Rube") Foster.

Even the ministers are divided as to the repeal of the Sunday baseball law.

Some of the extreme Southern baseball teams have already donned their uniforms for practice.

How many of us can run a Marathon of twenty-six squares, to say not a word about twenty-six miles.

Yale and Pennsylvania Universities will meet in a two-mile race to be rowed April 10 at Philadelphia.

Roscoe Johnson, brother of Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion, died last week at the New York Hospital, of pneumonia.

John L. Sullivan thinks that he will get the Johnson-Jeffries fight and has even gone so far to say that he has already selected the referee.

Jimmy Bardell disputes Battling Nelson's claim that he has never been knocked out, and says that Joe Percente knocked the Dane cold and also says Eddie Santry won a decision over him.

Dorando, the Italian Marathon runner, who ran here at the Coliseum last Saturday, says that Johnny Hayes must put up $1,000 forfeit before he will run against him. The Italian says that Hayes has disappointed him on three different occasions.

MORE TALK ON JACK AND JIM.

By Harry W. Jackson.

Sh-sh-sh, Jeffries is soliliquizing. "I'm wondering day by day what my fate would be were I to meet Jack Johnson and be defeated. I have Burns' example before me."

It is the opinion of many sporting critics and fight fans that James J. Jeffries is the only man who can take "Artha's" measures. Now, if this comes to be true, it would make him second to Jeffries. For convenience we'll say that Jeffries is champion. The question now arises, who will he fight?

If Jeffries fights and defeats Johnson, Jack will still have a chance to regain the title. The champion is conceded by both his supporters and enemies to be the best man of his division now in the ring. No one in Jack's class; Jeff defeats Jack; no one in Jeff's class. If Jeffries cannot find anyone to fight; that is, any one who possesses class, what is he going to do?

The Californian retired four years ago because he was in a class by himself; no one would fight him. If he becomes the champion again, and the same circumstances of four years ago come about, he must sit idle or turn over the title to the next best man. The sporting circles would not stand for him to sit idle; he would have to "keep stepping." Johnson would be the only man to merit the title, but there would be an earthquake in America if Jeffries should give it to him.

There's no danger. Jeffries sleeps restlessly now, because Johnson is already champion. Now suppose he would give the title to one of the limelights, Jack would lick him; he's daddy of the big boys. The only way to keep him from this would be to absolutely deny him the chance.

To round it all up, we are not banking on Johnson losing the title to Jeffries. It looks good to him and he is going to hold onto it a while.

Johnson intends to make England his future home. It has always been his desire, even when a small boy, to cross the big pond. Now that he has done so, his dream has come true. They are treating him like a prince in the "old countries"; they are blaspheming him in America. Now if you were in his position which would you take for yours, America, where prejudice exists, or across the water, where your worth and ability is recognized and appreciated? Suppose Johnson would make his home in King Edward's country; wouldn't it make you smile. It would give England the claimant of the heavyweight championship of the world, thus depriving the Yankeeland of this honor. Well, America has it now but does she appreciate it? Wouldn't it make you smile again when taht vaudeville actor got in shape for a match with the Texas steer. Of course Jack would come over and give him a chance, wouldn't he?

"Ye call him chief, and ye do well to call him chief, who for several years has gone into the arena the best that the pugilistic sport could afford." Yet he has "cold feet"—so says a gentleman from New York, Bob Edgren. He had "cold feet" before he met Tommy Burns, and even now. Poor Jack must have poor blood circulation. "Cold feet, cold feet." What does it mean, Mr. New Yorker? It's a little perplexing. "Cold feet"—maybe he means—ah, Mr. Johnson is afraid. Of whom? Of Jim Jeffries, of course. Well, don't you fool yourself. Those days of scare have long since gone by. There was a time when "Artha" would take to his heels at the drop of a match—"cold feet"; scared to "deaf." But that was in the good old school days. Johnson now puts forth the statement as boldly and emphatically as does Jim Jeffries, that he is afraid of nothing, "from a man on up to a bear."

Fitzpatrick, Johnson's manager, has the utmost confidence in his ebony wonder and holds no fear of Jim Jeffries or anybody else. Fitz knows a fighter when he sees one; he's been in the business too long to be fooled. Had Johnson been a second-rater, or a scrub of a fighter, he would have not wasted any time whatever with him. But he knows the quality and make of this battering-ram and that his equal is hard to find.

The Jeffries press agents have about convinced the fans, who several weeks ago thought it useless for the big ex-champion to re-enter the ring, that he is now in his old-time form. Everything since the defeat of Burns has been Jim Jeffries. Johnson and his admirers have had comparatively little to say. What will the Jeffrieites have to say when their dope runs out. The old preacher said that whenever he was in want of something to say, he'd "chew his tobacco over agin'."

LELAND GIANTS TO OPEN SEASON APRIL 28th

Pennant Winners of the Chicago City League of 1908 to Make Record Tour—Prospects of Team Are Good.

Chicago, Ill.

To the Sporting Editor of The Freeman.

Dear Sir—I thought I would drop you a few lines concerning the Leland Giants. They will be as good if not better when the season opens April 28th. We won the pennant last year in the Chicago City League, composed of seven white clubs and one colored, the Lelands. We won 108 games out of 126 played, and had 40 shut-outs. Foster succeeded in hanging up a world's record in pitching. He pitched 66 innings (successive) without a run being scored off him. He also led the team in hitting.

The Lelands were also admitted in the new Chicago League, and hold a franchise in the same, which is composed of all park teams, namely, the Logan Squares, managed by J. J. Callahan, formerly manager of the Chicago White Sox; Anson Colts, A. C. Anson, manager, formerly manager of Chicago National League Club; Gunther's West Ends, Milwaukee White Sox, and Leland Giants, the only colored team that has in recent years been admitted to leagues composed of all white players and promoters.

The Lelands will be composed of the following players: Catchers, Booker and Strauthers; pitchers, Rube Foster, Ball, Gatewood and "Southpaw" Hayes; infielders, Moore first base, Harris second base, Wright shortstop, Talbot third base; outfielders, Winston left field, Hill center field, Payne right field. In Payne, Winston and Hill, the Lelands have an outfield equal to any in the Major League ranks, as fast and as accurate in throwing, exceptional hitters, and great fielders, and in speed surpass any outfield in the country. The infield, composed of Moore, Harris, Wright and Talbot, are all great players in every way. Wright and Harris around second base and short are the equal of any two players in the world, and the steadiness of Moore and Talbot on third base and first base and their machine-like execution of different plays, merits them their name of the "Gibralter Infield," and it is common to hear some fans and players say, "That infield is as strong as Gilbralter."

In catchers, Booker is called "the king of colored baseball." He is brainy, a graceful receiver, a sure-as-death thrower, and to see him work is a treat. Base runners seldom try to steal on him. He is full of ginger. Strauthers is the making of a good catcher.

In pitchers, there are few teams in the country as well supplied in first-class pitchers as the Lelands. Ball, Gatewood and Foster is a trio that no team care to face. Ball is noted for his speed and fast breaking out curves; Gatewood for his tremendous speed, side-arm delivery and drop. Rube Foster has no limit to his speed, but he seldom uses it. He throws over hand, under hand, side arm, and has a different delivery for every ball, and he is considered the brainiest and coolest pitcher in tight places that has ever been in the game. Besides this he is as tricky as a fox. Foster has no superior as a pitcher, and under his management the past two years, the Leland Giants have made more money than during their entire existence. He has sent all of his men South. Some are at Palm Beach, Fla., and some at Havana, Cuba. They will all report at Chicago March 15th, and on March 16 they begin their 3800-mile trip through Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Tennessee and Alabama, opening in Chicago April 28. This is by far the longest trip ever attempted by a colored team. Some of the players will take their wives. The Lelands will use a private car for the entire trip, three waiters and two cooks.

Rube Foster, manager of the club, closed the deal last week. The fans of Chicago are all "daffy" over the Lelands, America's greatest colored team.

Yours respectfully,

"RUBE."

JOHNSON BEFORE FOOTLIGHTS.

LONDON.—Special.—Jack Johnson opened at the Holborn Empire Theatre in London on February 8 for a theatrical engagement. Johnson's booking agent has fixed up his engagements and they say that it will be long before the end of summer before he will be able to box.

Jimmy Britt has called off his go with Adolphe, the French lightweight, because he thought the National Sporting Club has first call on his services. He has agreed to box Adolphe at the Paris Club after his go with Summers, which takes place in London on February 22.

GOTCH-MAHMOUT MATCH.

CHICAGO, Ill.—World's wrestling champion Frank Gotch, now in this country, and Yussiff Mahmout, the crack Bulgarian athlete, probably will meet in Chicago in the near future to wrestle for the title. This was announced by local promoters. In the meeting of the two mat enthusiasts look for a great match.

As soon as they learned the champion was in America, the promoters got into communication with him. Telegrams flew back and forth rapidly during the day, and the only hitch seemed to be that of the money Gotch was to receive for his end.

A GROWING INTEREST.

The Y. M. C. A. athletic interest has been awakened in the last few weeks and as a result the association has quite an assembly of athletes on Monday and Friday evenings of each week. Basketball is the feature of the evening and a tournament composed of members of the gymnasium class.

SUNDAY BASEBALL BILL PASSED THE HOUSE 51 TO 41.

Majority Less Than Expected—Tom Brilley, Author of the Bill, Highly Congratulated—Church Lobby.

The Brolley Sunday baseball bill did not have as healthy a majority when it passed the House as the author had expected. The vote was 51 to 41. Brolley had figured that it would "get by" with a majority of at least 12, and possibly 15. He had counted on a comfortable showing in the House having a most wholesome effect on some of the weak-kneed supporters of the bill in the Senate.

A wild scene was enacted when the result of the vote was announced. During the call of the roll the aisles and galleries had filled rapidly with baseball fans and opponents of the measure. Every time a vote was recorded the chambers rang with cheers, first one side and then the other having a chance to "crow." When the friends of the bill realized that it had a constitutional majority they made a rush for Tom Brolley and showered him with congratulations. So great became the confusion that Speaker Honan had to threaten to clear the aisles before order was restored. Some of the members "ducked" after the speech-making was over and among the number were some who had given Brolley the impression that they would vote for the bill and some who had led the opponents of the bill to believe that they were with them.

The opponents of the Sunday ball bill made practically no opposition in the House. They early caught the drift in that organization and decided that the only chance to prevent the bill from becoming a law lay in the Senate.

The church lobby will now get busy on this bill and there is basis for the hope of the leaders of this opposition that the bill will be killed in the upper house. Brolley himself, after a careful canvass of the situation, is not very sanguine of final success. Petitions against this bill have arrived and unless matters are rushed the senators will have a chance to know just what the people of their districts think of this attempt to throw down the Sunday amusement bars.

PACKEY TIRED OF WELSH'S TALK

Is Willing to Meet Battling Nelson and the Englishman.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Not to be outdone by Battling Nelson or Freddie Welsh, Packey McFarland, the Chicago lightweight, today took the lightweight bit in his own mouth and will do a little dictating. Packey is tired of hearing Welsh's demand for ringside weight and the cries of Nelson that he will not fight an infant, etc., and has laid down the law to the two lightweight stars.

Packey hurled a challenge at Nelson, agreeing to meet him at 133 pounds ringside for any number of rounds. He sent another into the Welsh camp, offering to take Freddie on for any number of rounds, but at the weight at 133 pounds at 6 o'clock. In either case Packey is ready to bet any part of $5,000 that he can win. The stockyards lad was a bit angry when he spoke. He said:

"I am tired of hearing Welsh talk ringside to me, and I will not listen to Bat's foolish remarks of why he won't fight me. I have made my terms for both fighters and unless I hear from one or the other pretty soon I will pick up my bag and baggage and cross the pond to England. I have a friend over there who is urging me to come, saying I can pick plenty of easy money, and I can see no reason why I should remain here.

"Welsh never had any license to dictate to me. What did he ever do in the lightweight class to make him a dictator? He is being urged on in the hope that I might give in, but nothing done. He'll fight me weigh in at 6 o'clock or not at all. Nelson offers a different excuse each day, and not one is a fit one for a champion of his class."

PROSPECTS ARE GOOD.

MOULTREE, Ga.—Special.—This city expects to have one of the fastest nines in years. Last year's team made a very good record, but all records of the past are expected to be broken. "Old Show," one of the oldest and best ball players in Dixieland, has had his men out on the sacks already and feels somewhat flattered over their showing.

ENGLISHMAN TO CLAIM LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

Gives Battling Nelson Thirty Days in Which to Accept Challenge—Side Bet of $5,000.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Freddie Welsh has thrown a bomb-shell into the lightweight division. In his determination to plant the British flag at the head of the 133-pound class, the little Englishman challenged Battling Nelson for a championship battle, offering the Dane a side bet of $5,000. Unless Nelson takes hold of the challenge inside of the next thirty days, Welsh says that he will claim the world's lightweight championship and defend the title at 133 pounds, ringside, against all comers. The British champion posted $1,000 to bind the match the minute Nelson shows a disposition to talk fight. Welsh says:

"Nelson planned what he termed an elimination agreement, whereby four of the lightweights were to fight it out, the survivor to be matched with Nelson. This was fine for the Battler, for it kept him in the limelight without its being necessary for him to do any actual fighting. Unfortunately for Nelson's pet scheme, the ring developments of the past few days have now made his position untenable. Packey McFarland was one of the classiest little men who ever fought in the lightweight class. Now, it is obvious to all that old nature is beckoning McFarland away from the lightweight division.

"Compare Packey's showing against Dick Hyland, when he made 133 pounds at 3 o'clock, and his knockout performance against Phil Brock, when the stockyards boy was allowed to come in at catch weights. It is admitted by all Los Angeles experts that McFarland was not at his best when he made 133 pounds at 3 o'clock. If Packey still maintains that he can make the legitimate lightweight limit, 133 pounds ringside, then my $5,000 side bet goes for him. I am a natural lightweight and it is as such that I will fight McFarland.

"At Vernon a few weeks ago I whipped Abe Attell most decisively, and after this victory I was conceded by the experts to be the cleverest boxer in the world. In the same ring last Fourth of July I held McFarland to a twenty-five-round draw, Packey having several pounds the better of me in weight.

"I won the lightweight championship of Great Britain by whipping Dick Lee in fifteen rounds at Merthyr on August 15, 1907. On September 16 of the same year I gave away 16 pounds to Joe White, the welterweight champion of England, and knocked him cold in sixteen rounds. The Australian lightweight championship went into my game bag when I knocked out Hock Keys in seventeen rounds on July 27, 1906. The lightweight championship of my own country (Wales) I won by knocking out Johnny Owens in eight rounds at Pontypridd on May 21, 1907.

"At 133 pounds ringside, I am ready to meet any man in the world, unless Battling Nelson shows inside of thirty days that he intends to defend his title, when I will claim the world's championship, and I won't go into retirement or run out of the country with the titile, either. That is, not until I have given every 133-pounder a chance to get action. I am a fighter who fights—first come, first served."

FANS ON SUNDAY BASEBALL.

Mr. Sporting Editor:

I have heard so much talk of gambling at baseball games as a point against Sunday baseball. If the evils created by the game are the only reason for the prohibition of the game on the seventh day of the week let our legislative bodies enact laws to prevent them, but not do away with the game. A clean, wholesome baseball game is good enough to be played any time.

To the Sporting Editor of The Freeman:

I would be glad to have a little space in your sporting columns in reference to Sunday baseball. Why not? To witness a game of ball on the seventh day of the week appears to some people to be criminal. I have take notice to the various remonstrances against the loved game being played on Sunday and I feel that the reason cn be put into a can and label it "Just Because," with much satisfaction to the admirers of the game. Why so many people are against Sunday baseball I can not understand. Is the game itself harmful? If you notice who are the greatest enemies against playing ball on the Sabbath you will find that nine out of ten of them do not attend a game even during the week days, and if they had their say so they would abolish the sport altogether. Knockers will knock and knock whenever an opportunity presents itself. Sunday baseball for mine.

A Reader of the Sports.

Mr. Sporting Editor:

Don't I want Sunday baseball? Well, what do you think us fellows who toil six days out of a week are going to do for a little Sunday amusement? There is nothing more monotonous to a person than to endure a sit-around-home Sunday. It is time that that we should love our homes and be happy whenever we are there, but we must have a little amusement. Was it intended that man should not amuse himself on Sunday? I don't think so—in fact, I know so. We should go to church, the ministers cry. Well, I for one, do. Church is held in the morning. Where shall we go during the rest of the day. To a baseball game, they say not. Then where? If a man feels disposed to spend an hour or two at a game, after six days of labor, I believe that he should have the right to do so. There are other means for Sunday amusement that are not kicked against; then why against Sunday baseball.

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HAVANA PAPER SCORES HERRMANN ON COLOR LINE.

Indifference of Fans to See Reds Play Again—No Discrimination in Havana.

When President Herrmann criticized Frank Bancroft for taking the Reds to Havana to play a colored team, he did not know how deeply it would offend the Cuban athletes. They are up in the air about it down there, according to the following story from El Triunfo, one of the Havana papers:

"At any rate, even if the Cincinnati boss were willing to send his Reds down here next spring, it is doubtful whether the Cuban fans would care to see them play again.

"We do not raise the color line here in Havana, Mr. Herrmann, and the only thing we require from baseball players is that they play good ball.

"It is true that some of our best players are gentlemen of a somewhat dusky shade, but they certainly look as white as sapolio when it comes down to beating big league teams to a pulp.

"Rather than becoming infuriated Mr. Herrmann should ask Bancroft, Lobert, Mitchell, McLean and other members of his club for the names and addresses of some of the white players with the Almendares, and do his level best to sign a few of them for the coming season.

"They certainly would not weaken the Cincinnati outfit.

"Captain Cabrera of the Cuban Champions, when informed of Garry's wrath, expressed himself as being awfully sorry, and turning toward Mendez said in an angry tone:

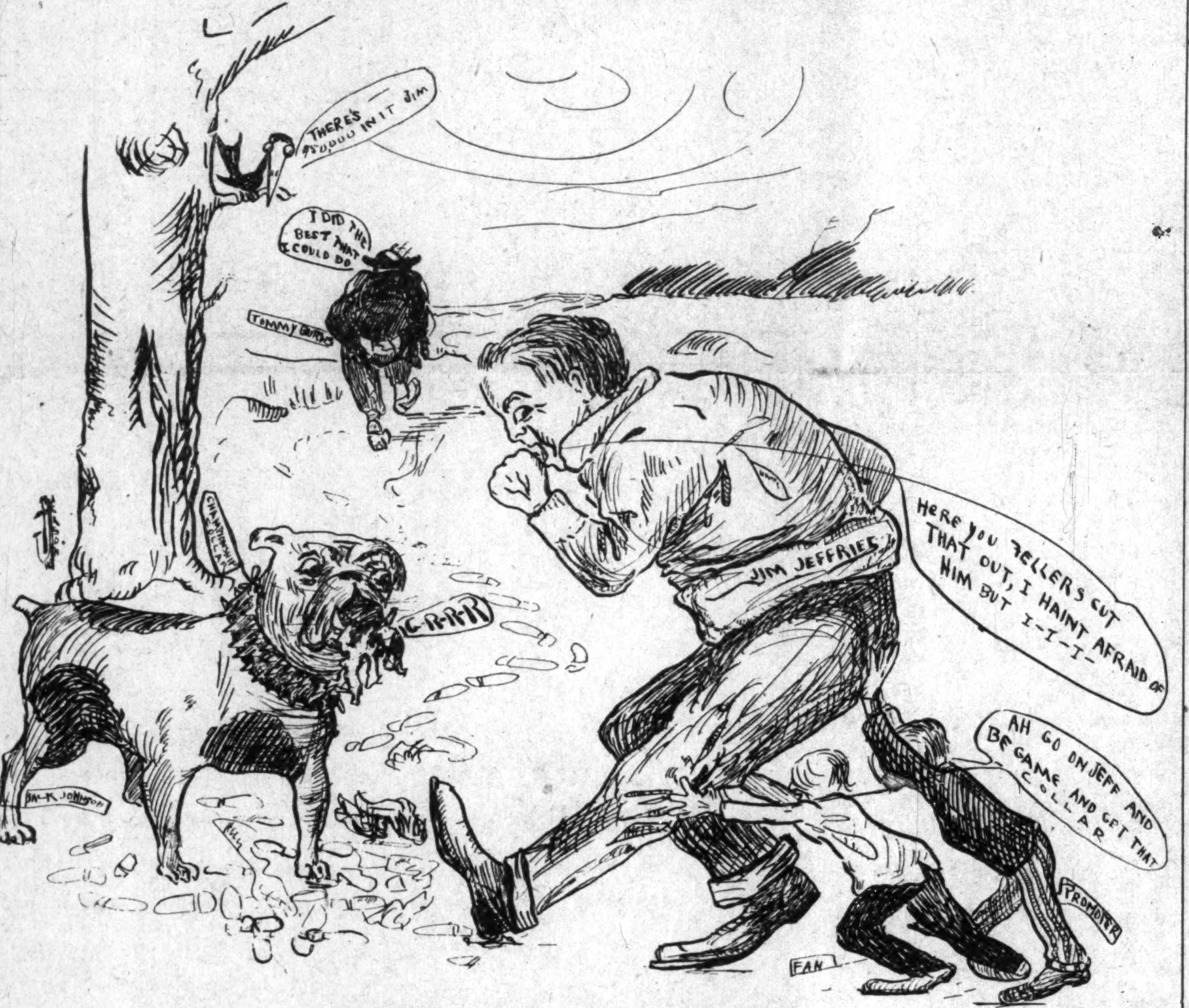
"'Woe be unto you, Black Diamond, for it was you who aroused His Lordship's Olympic ire.'

"'Coon! coon! coon! I wish my color would fade!' chuckled Mendez as he boarded the Pullman and started for Mantanzas, determined to administer the local team there a dose of the same medicine which he so generously employed with the Reds."

WILL DRIVE TO CHICAGO.

Tom Valentine will chauffeur a car to Chicago for a several days' stay as soon as the weather is favorable. Valentine drives a big six-cylinder.

A BAD DOG IN THE ROAD.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CITY AND SOCIETY.

C. A. Grissom of Shelbyville was in the city this week.

Mr. Edward Bell, of Chicago, was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Ella Clay is undergoing treatment at the City Hospital.

Mrs. Harry Jones has gone to California for an extended visit.

There will be baptizing at Union Tabernacle tomorrow morning.

Mr. Tom Atkins, of Waco, Tex., is in the city for an indefinite stay.

Benjamin Scruggs of Anderson was the guest of Dr. C. R. Atkins during the week.

The Pastors' Club will meet at the Manse, 818 Camp street, Tuesday evening, 8 p. m.

Claude McCall has gone to Tacoma, Wash., to take charge of the *Forum* printing office.

Miss Lillian Brutchfield has been added to the corps of teachers at the Free Kindergarten.

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Lorenzo Hayden of New York is the guest of his sister, Mrs. M. A. Clark, in Camp street.

C. A. McFarland, of Shelbyville, manager of the Bijou Skating Rink, was in the city this week.

The J. C. Price Literary will be entertained by Rev. and Mrs. Callis Friday, Feb. 19, at 8 p. m.

A mothers' meeting of the parents of the Free Kindergarten was organized Tuesday by Mrs. Lillian Brown.

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The Ladies' Social Club of Jones Tabernacle will be entertained next Thursday at the church by Mrs. Julia Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Pierson of Muncie were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Joseph Timberlake, during the week.

Mr. James Leverett, of Peru, Ind., was in the city the first half of the week, attending the Williams and Walker show.

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Lincoln day celebration at Barnes Chapel Sunday evening. Dr. A. J. King, G. L. Jones and Prof. Grubbs will be the speakers.

Mrs. Daisy Watson of Cincinnati is in the city, having been called here on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Shannon.

"The Bible Conception of Being Born Again" will be the subject for discussion at the Methodist ministers' meeting next Wednesday.

The Knights of Chivalry, formerly the Independent Club, Ben Martin, president, will dance at Odd Fellows' Hall next Monday night.

Mrs. Lillian Brown entertained the Frau Frau Club and a number of invited guests at a valentine party Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6.

Most of the churches and organizations will have Lincoln memorial exercises, and no pains will be spared for the proper observance of the day.

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J. S. V. Hill will be the speaker at the Lincoln memorial celebration at Simpson Chapel Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Special music by the choir.

Maj. R. R. Jackson of Chicago will be the guest of the local Knights of Pythias Saturday and over Sunday. Several dinners are being planned in his honor.

Rev. Y. C. Terrell of Marion will preach at Union Tabernacle Church tomorrow morning and evening. A public reception will be given in his honor morning and evening.

Rev. C. T. Shager of Bethel A. M. E. Church will deliver a sermon on "The World's Deliverers" Sunday night at the Lincoln memorial quarterly services in the afternoon.

Mrs. R. D. Leonard and daughter Viola spent the week at Hodgenville, Ky. Miss Viola will sing at the commencement exercises at the school of which Allen Johnson is principal.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beard, Mrs. W. T. Patterson, of Crawfordsville, were in the city Monday to attend the performance of the Williams & Walker show.

The Rev. C. W. McColl has received a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Second Baptist Church at Anderson, Ind. This is one of the strongest colored Baptist churches in the State.

A stereopticon exhibit of the San Francisco earthquake and fire will be given at Simpson Chapel this evening for the benefit of the Free Kindergarten, recently established in the north part of the city.

Frank Williams, author of the popular song "Consolation," now a member of the Willims & Walker company, spent the three days of the company's stay in this city the guest of his boyhood friend, Dr. Joseph H. Ward.

The Aesculapean Medical Society will hold its monthly meeting next Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the Y. M. C. A. building. Dr. W. E. Brown will read a paper on "Medical Ethics." The paper will be discussed by the attending physicians.

The Friends Club will give a valentine party at the home of Mrs. Mary Hudson, 549 West Twelfth street, Monday evening, Feb. 15. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Mintie Holmes, 359 West Eleventh street, next Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Ida Bullitt and William Brooks entertained Miss Ida Bluford, a member of the Williams & Walker company, at the home of Mrs. S. A. Stewart in North Senate avenue, at a tea party Tuesday afternoon. The decorations were valentines.

Sunday evening will be Lincoln centennial anniversary night at Jones Tabernacle. A special program has been prepared and the public may expect a rare treat. There will be recitations from Lincoln's speeches, an address by the pastor and patriotic music by the choir.

The Southside Choral Society has recently been organized for the study of music, oratory and civil government. Mrs. Celia Maxey is president of the society. Aaron Belford Thompson gave several original selections at the meeting held with the president last Sunday. It meets at 5 o'clock.

The Baptist Ministers' Alliance will hold two sessions next Monday, the 10th, at the Second Baptist Church, Irvington, Rev. J. D. Johnson, pastor. At 2 p. m. the routine business will be transacted, and an open parliament will be held for the discussion of the subject, "Thorns and Thistles in the Garden of the Lord's Table." At 6 o'clock the members of the church will serve dinner to the ministers. At 8o'clock the Rev. C. W. McColl will conduct the Bible Study; the subject will be "Forgiveness."

Miss Henrietta Davis is issuing invitations to a card party at Odd Fellows Hall Saturday, Feb. 20, from 4 to 6, for the benefit of the Free Kindergarten for Colored Children, recently established in the north part of the city. Ladies expected from 4 to 6; gentlemen from 7 to 10, at which time Mrs. H. E. Carr of Cincinnati, a talented reader, will give a recital, which, in addition to the other pastimes, will prove an interesting feature. Handsome hand-painted china prizes will be given, also a fine lunch will be served for the price of admission.

A COON DINNER.

Emanuel Collins entertained Joseph Baughman, Archie Greathouse, Elwood C. Knox and J. D. Howard at a coon dinner Friday of last week. It was an enjoyable affair both gastronomically and socially. Mrs. Collins was pronounced an excellent cook by all.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

That the Douglass memorial will be a large success is already assured. Final arrangements are now completed. The parade, composed of the K. of P., Simpson and Iron League Bands, K. of P. Uniform Ranks and others will form at the corner of West North and California streets at 1:30 p. m., and will act as an escort to the Hon. Willis O. Tyler, the speaker of the day, who in company with the president of the Colored Y. M. C. A., W. A. Kersey, and the Rev. H. J. Callis and Rev. G. H. Martin, will occupy a carriage to Tomlinson Hall. The doors will be thrown open to the general public at 2:30 p. m., at which time the Colored Y. M. C. A. orchestra, composed of eightenn men under the direction of Prof. S. A. Ratliffe, will commence their special musical program. The public is requested to facilitate matters by taking seats as here designated: The lower floor is reserved for men only, the first balcony for lady organizations and ladies only, the second balcony and gallery for the general public, and the platform for ministers, representatives of the different organizations and invited guests.

The members of the various women's organizations are requested to be in their seats before 2:45 p. m., as no seats will be held after that time. A special corps of ushers, numbering over fifty men, from the membership of the Y. M. C. A., will see to the handling of the crowd. The public is also requested to guard against unnecessary crowding at the door and thus perhaps save life and limb by so doing.

The program will consist of an overture by the orchestra, singing, collection, and an address by that peerless and brilliant orator, Hon. Willis O. Tyler, on "The Life and Works of Frederick Douglass." Hon. Mr. Tyler is one of the finest platform orators of the Negro race. He won the State oratorical contest several years ago. He is now practicing law in Chicago.

GREENVILLE, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. Melon preached at the New Hope Baptist Church Sunday night....Mrs. Susan Batey is on the sick list....February 22 there will be a grand social given by the Court of Calanthe at the K. of P. Hall....Rev. W. J. King, pastor of the M. E. Church, has planned for a big rally for the fourth Sunday in April, for the purpose of raising money to paper and paint his church....Lincoln's birthday will be celebrated in all of the churches. ....Debate: Resolved, is it better for the Negro to go to Africa or stay in America? It was well discussed; C. C. Clinton and W. M. Nelson, affirmative; H. H. Brown and G. Potter, negative. The negative won....New Hope Baptist Church has organized a library and rendered a fine program Thursday night. The feature of the program was a paper by Prof. T. W. Pratt. Everybody invited to attend.

TYLER, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Prof. W. E. Peete is principal of the Tyler City School....Monroe Halo, a student of East Texas Academy, has returned to the city....Rev. P. R. Washington preached an excellent sermon at the First Baptist Church last Sunday.... Mrs. Anna Biggs is still sick at her home in West Tyler....Rev. J. W. Bailey, of Marshall, Tex., is here visiting....Prof. C. S. Benson, the principal of the Winona City School, is in the city on business.... Rev. H. D. Dews filled his appointment here last Sunday. He left for his home near Bullard, Monday....Henry Payne is a successful barber of this city....East Texas Academy is getting along nicely. Prof. J. V. McClelan is principal here, and all of the students love him dearly. ....Read The Freeman.

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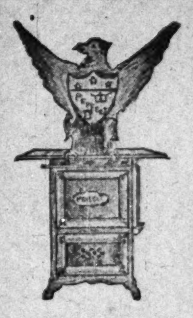

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